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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 31st August 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

1. Number of adults currently waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder in your trust as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021, and Aug 2022.

| Aug 2018 | Aug 2019 | Aug 2020 | Aug 2021 | Aug 2022 | Aug 2023 |
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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 |

2. Number of children and young people currently waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder in your trust as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021, and Aug 2022.

| Aug 2018 | Aug 2019 | Aug 2020 | Aug 2021 | Aug 2022 | Aug 2023 |
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| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

3. Average waiting time in weeks for adults referred to specialist treatment for an eating disorder from assessment to the start of treatment as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021, and Aug 2022.

| Aug 2018 | Aug 2019 | Aug 2020 | Aug 2021 | Aug 2022 | Aug 2023 |
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| Information not held | Information not held | Information not held | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 |

4. Average waiting time in weeks for children and young people referred to specialist treatment for an eating disorder from assessment to the start of treatment as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug

2021, and Aug 2022.

| Aug 2018 | Aug 2019 | Aug 2020 | Aug 2021 | Aug 2022 | Aug 2023 |
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| 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 |

5. What is the longest estimated waiting of a current patient as of August 2023?

3 Weeks

6. Number of specialist eating disorder staff currently employed by the trust to provide treatment for specialist treatment of eating disorders as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021, and Aug 2022.

| Aug 2018 | Aug 2019 | Aug 2020 | Aug 2021 | Aug 2022 | Aug 2023 |
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| 8 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 23 | 25 |

Please note, The Specialist Adult Eating Disorder Team has only been in operation since 2021.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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