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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 13th September 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:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act about your organisations Pharmacy and Prescribing function. Please complete the attached FOI questions.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

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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1. Does your organisation have an outpatient pharmacy* If yes, please provide the detail in the below table.

Hospital/ Site	In House/ Outsourced?	If outsourced, please provide supplier/ subsidiary name	Annual Cost for Pharmacy Provision 22/23
Harplands Hospital	In house	n/a	£654,797.20
Community	Outsourced	Polarspeed	£475,961.80

2. Does the hospital outpatient pharmacy provide prescriptions dispensed in the community e.g., for hospices or home care providers? **No**
If yes please, please provide the annual cost in the below table.

	Annual Spend 22/23
Total spend on drugs prescribed in hospitals and dispensed in the community	N/A
Total dispensed through hospices	N/A
Total dispensed through home care providers	N/A

3. What is the value of your organisations planned savings opportunity from medicines procurement for 23/24? **Approximately £35k.**
4. What are the biggest areas** of spend you expect to make the largest savings in?
Generic paliperidone depots.

**An outpatient pharmacy dispenses medication for patients who are seen in outpatient clinics or A&E.*

***Medicines procurement spend areas could include secondary care medicines, Ophthalmology and Blood glucose and ketone meters*