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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 28<sup>th</sup> 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'm seeking information on Alzheimer's disease testing.  
For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:

- The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture.
- The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan.
- The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan.
- The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans.

**The Trust does not hold this information. Radiology exams are sourced externally via a Service Line Agreement with University Hospital of North Midlands (UHM) and information on the reason that the patient is requiring the radiology exam is not available.**

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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