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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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. Does your trust currently use body worn video cameras. (Clarification: I am referring to use of cameras by mental health staff i.e., not security personnel. If you have previously used, or are planning to begin using body worn cameras please consider the following questions to ask about former or planned uses) **No**
2. Please provide copies of ALL policies relating to body worn camera usage. **N/A**
3. Please provide copies of equality impact assessments relating to use of body worn cameras. if this has not been completed, please state. **N/A**
4. Please provide copies of data impact assessments relating to use of body worn cameras. if this has not been completed, please state. **N/A**
5. Please state which mental health services these are approved for use in (e.g., seclusion, adult wards, CAMHS wards). **N/A**
6. Please provide details of equipment used: number of cameras held by the trust and supplier of these. **N/A**
7. Please provide details of where video footage is saved and how long this is retained for. **N/A**
8. Please provide details of consent processes for use of body worn cameras. **N/A**
9. Please provide details of complaints relating to body worn cameras usage since Jan 2019. **N/A**
10. Please provide details of where body worn footage has been submitted as part of criminal/court proceedings since Jan 2019. **N/A**
11. Please provide details of incident reports related to body worn cameras since Jan 2019. **N/A**
12. Please state records of number of times body worn camera have been used between 01 Jan 2022 and 31 Dec 2022. **N/A**
13. Please provide details of where body worn footage has been submitted as part of coroner's court proceedings since Jan 2019. **N/A**

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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