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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 5th 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:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the use of healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust.

To better understand how your trust deals with healthcare and specialised transport services, please clarify whether your trust provides these services in-house, outsources them all, or uses a mix of both approaches.

Additionally, please provide the following data for your Trust and for each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23:

1. What was the **spend** (£ value) on **in-house** healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust, and the respective **volumes of patients / transportations** that you realised with **in-house** capacity, split by:

- High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- Neonatal (new-born / premature) patients
- Non-Emergency patients
- Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

2. What was the **spend** (£ value) on **independent sector** providers for healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust, and the respective **volumes of patients / transportations** that you realised with **contracted independent sector** providers, split by:

- High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- Neonatal (new-born / premature) patients
- Non-Emergency patients
- Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Unfortunately, the suppliers were not able to provide all the requested transport data in the format requested. Finances are based on the purchase ledger accounts for each provider identified.

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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Data											
Provider	Service	FY2018/19		FY2019/20		FY2020/21		FY2021/22		FY2022/23	
		Spend value (£)	Volume (# of patients/transportations)	Spend value (£)	Volume (# of patients/transportations)	Spend value (£)	Volume (# of patients/transportations)	Spend value (£)	Volume (# of patients/transportations)	Spend value (£)	Volume (# of patients/transportations)
In-house (NHS)	High Dependency (critically ill)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-house (NHS)	Neonatal (newborn / premature)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-house (NHS)	Non-emergency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-house (NHS)	Other (patients)	112,863	Information Not Available	16,904	Information Not Available	8,713	Information Not Available	10,402	Information Not Available	1,615	Information Not Available
In-house (NHS)	Other (non-patients)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-house (NHS)	TOTAL	112,863	0	16,904	8,713	0	0	10,402	0	1,615	0
Independent sector	High Dependency (critically ill)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent sector	Neonatal (newborn / premature)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent sector	Non-emergency	353,287	2910	353,359	2234	353,359	983	353,359	1302	353,287	1019
Independent sector	Other (patients)	398,293	Information Not Available	78,863	Information Not Available	83,803	Information Not Available	67,772	Information Not Available	70,556	Information Not Available
Independent sector	Other (non-patients)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent sector	TOTAL	551,578	2,910	432,222	2,004	437,222	983	421,131	1,302	423,843	1,019