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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 procures healthcare and specialised transport services from the independent sector, please clarify how many private providers were contracted each year.

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. For **each** independent provider, 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)

For your convenience, I have attached an Excel file for you to use and provide the requested information. Please return the completed file via email reply.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Unfortunately, the suppliers were not able to provide all of 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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