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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 8th November 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:

Please tell me of the length of the current waiting time between referral acceptance and Diagnostic Assessment for Adult ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in your Trust. **475 days**

Please note the Trust is aware that there are data quality issues associated with the reporting of ASD waits and is working with the service to validate the waiting time information.

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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