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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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:***

As a follow-up on the research, could you provide me with the number of out-of-area (OOA) placements as well as the number of people with a delayed transfer of care (DTC) in an in-patient setting for the following conditions:

- i. Mental Health (MH) conditions – Patients in a rehab and recovery unit inpatient bed
- ii. Neuropsychiatry (NP) disorders – Patients in a specialist neuropsychiatry inpatient bed.

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

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



**Laurie Wrench**  
**Deputy Director of Governance**

Type of care	Out of Area Placements (OOA) cases as of Oct 31st (or latest available)	Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) cases as of Oct 31st (or latest available)
Mental Health (MH)	2	7
Neuropsychiatry (NP)	1	1

Notes:

MH refers to a patient occupying an in-patient bed in a rehabilitation and recovery unit for a mental health condition such as Schizophrenia, an eating disorder, a personality disorder or other complex mental health conditions

Neuropsychiatry refers to in-patient beds for patients who have a neuropsychiatry condition such as early-onset dementia or progressive neurological conditions such as Huntington's Disease, Parkinsons Disease or Multiple Sclerosis

Definitions

Out of Area Placements (OOA) cases - 2023

Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) cases - 2023

This is classified as the total number of patients currently in an in-patient setting receiving care in your trust who are from an outside ICB and funded by that ICB in 2023

This is classified as the total number of patients in your trust that you are caring for who are currently awaiting a transfer of care into a community setting in the region but are currently unable to get one as of 2023