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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15th 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:

Over the last 12 months, in your Trust:

- On how many occasions have leave beds (beds occupied by a patient who is on a period of leave but is still within in patient care) been occupied by another patient.
The Trust does hold this information but not in a reportable format, to supply this information would require a manual trawl of the daily number of available beds and those occupied when a patient is on leave. We believe that the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000.
- On how many occasions have there been no unoccupied inpatient beds available within the trust. **0**
- If out of area placements have been made for patients under the care of the Trust over the last 12 months, please list:
The Trust has had no inappropriate out of area placements.

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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