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Dear

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Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 13 April 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:

Where a freetext search is possible, how many digital discharge summaries included any of the terms "spiked", "spike" or "spiking" over the past 5 calendar years, and the year to date. Please provide data for each year:-

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2022
- 6) 2023 - latest available data - please specify period

The System Support Team have confirmed that discharge summaries are stored as individual electronic documents against a patient record, there is no facility to search across documents, only within an individual document. We are therefore unable to provide this 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, Interim 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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