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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 8th November 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

This request relates In-Trust/ Health Board inventory management/ point of care solutions, the purpose of which is to increase visibility of where inventory sits in the supply chain. More information, including details of a recent NHS Supply Chain initiative in this area in England can be found here: <https://www.supplychain.nhs.uk/programmes/in-trust-inventory-management-systems-ims/>

Please provide the following information you have pertaining to inventory management / point of care solutions:

- 1) Does the Trust/ Health Board use a third-party inventory management/ point of care solution? **No**

- 1A) If yes – please confirm:

I: Which inventory management / point of care solution you use. **N/A**

II: Contract value (p.a.) **N/A**

III: Contract renewal date. **N/A**

IV: When did the Trust/ Health Board first start using this solution? **N/A**

- 1B) If no – does the Trust/ Health Board use any internally-built IT inventory management/ point of care solutions? **No**

- 2) Please could you indicate which department(s) in the Trust/ Health Board use inventory management / point of care solutions, whether third-party or internal?

| Department | Use third-party inventory management / point of care solution <i>Yes, No, Not Applicable</i> | Use in-house inventory management / point of care solution <i>Yes, No, Not Applicable</i> |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Accident and emergency (A&E) | N/A | N/A |

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| Diagnostic imaging / radiology | N/A | N/A |
| Endoscopy | N/A | N/A |
| Mental Health | No | No |
| Obstetrics | N/A | N/A |
| Oncology | N/A | N/A |
| Paediatrics | N/A | N/A |
| Surgical procedures (day-patient / in-patient) | N/A | N/A |
| Surgical procedures (out-patient) | N/A | N/A |
| Other (please specify) | N/A | N/A |

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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