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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 11th 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:

- 1 (a) In the last 12 months (of data), in total how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders (F20-F29 inclusive) were managed by your Trust?
- 1 (b) In the last 12 months (of data), in total how many patients diagnosed Schizophrenia (F20 only) were managed by your Trust?

Your answers will be used to inform plans to potentially support Early Intervention Psychosis or Community Mental Health teams. If information is available by type of service, and can be reported within the time limit, please also consider the following questions for patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders (F20- F29 inclusive).

- 2 (a) In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders have been treated within each of the following services:

- Early Intervention Psychosis service team
- Community Mental Health Team

- 2 (b) In the last 3 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia had no change to the antipsychotic medication within each of the following services. This includes patients with no change in dose.

- Early Intervention Psychosis service team
- Community Mental Health Team

- 3 (a) In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders were discharged to primary care from each of the following services?

- Early Intervention Psychosis service team
- Community Mental Health Team

- 3 (b) In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders were discharged from the Early Intervention Psychosis service team to the Community Mental Health Team



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Unfortunately, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is unable to provide a response to your FOI request due to the below reasons.

The request uses ICD-10 codes as a basis of the information gathering, in our Trust ICD-10 codes are only applied once a patient has been discharged from a spell within an inpatient setting. Within our Trust the vast majority of service users are managed within community teams, we therefore cannot report on our patient population accurately.

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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