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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15th January 2025. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

Existing aseptic compounding services

1. Does your Trust provide in-house aseptic compounding services? **No**

If yes:

- What type of aseptic products are prepared in-house (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)? **N/A**
- How many aseptic units does your Trust operate? **N/A**
- Please confirm whether each aseptic unit operated by your trust is on-site or off-site. If off-site, please specify the location. **N/A**

2. Do you outsource any aseptic compounding services to external providers (either NHS Trusts or industry providers)? **No**

If yes:

- To which organisations do you outsource aseptic compounding services? **N/A**
- What type of aseptic products are outsourced to these organisations (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)? **N/A**
- When are these contracts due to run until? **N/A**
- What is the value of each of these contracts per annum? **N/A**

Future plans for aseptic compounding services

- Does your Trust have plans to expand or upgrade its existing aseptic compounding facilities? If yes, please provide details. **No**
- Are there existing or planned strategic partnerships or collaborations (with other NHS Trusts or industry providers) to expand or enhance aseptic services? **No**
- Are there plans to transition more services in-house or increase outsourcing for aseptic preparations? **No**
If yes, please provide detail of these plans. **N/A**

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Additional

6. Who is the best person to contact regarding the setup of aseptic compounding services for your organisation? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible. **N/A. North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is a Mental Health Trust and do not use any IV products.**

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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