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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4th February 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 request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of Health IT Systems in your organisation.

For the purposes of this FOI, Health IT Systems are defined as "[a] Product used to provide electronic information for health or social care purposes. The product may be hardware, software or a combination."

Please note that this definition encompasses any hardware or software product used within the organisation. It does not have to be used for a clinical purpose (i.e., it may be clerical) and applies to both non-medical and medical devices (the latter as defined by UKMDR2002).

This definition is taken from the following sources:

- DCB0129: Clinical Risk Management: its Application in the Manufacture of Health IT Systems - NHS England Digital
- DCB0160: Clinical Risk Management: its Application in the Deployment and Use of Health IT Systems - NHS England Digital

Requested Information:

1. The total number of Health IT systems currently in use by the organisation. **The Trust's current systems list does not contain a classification or categorisation of 'Health IT Systems' or similar, we are unable to provide an answer to this.**

2. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the Trust that have BOTH DCB0129 (from the manufacturer) AND DCB0160 (from the deploying organisation) Clinical Safety Case Reports. **The Trust's current systems list does not contain a classification or categorisation of 'Health IT Systems' or similar, we are unable to provide an answer to this.**

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3. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the Trust that have a valid DCB0129 Clinical Safety Case Report from the manufacturer ONLY (i.e. have a DCB0129 report but NOT a DCB0160 report). **The Trust's current systems list does not contain a classification or categorisation of 'Health IT Systems' or similar, we are unable to provide an answer to this.**

4. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the Trust that have a valid DCB0160 Clinical Safety Case Report from the deploying organisation ONLY (i.e. have a DCB0160 report but NOT a DCB0129 report from the manufacturer). **The Trust's current systems list does not contain a classification or categorisation of 'Health IT Systems' or similar, we are unable to provide an answer to this.**

5. The total Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of Clinical Safety Officers who are currently actively working on DCB0129/DCB0160 implementation within the Trust. **The Trust has 1.2 WTE Clinical Safety Officer, they are not currently actively working on DCB0129/ DCB0160 implementation within the Trust.**

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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