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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 5th 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:

Following the recent tender, we request all information relating to this process held in any format about [REDACTED] be shared. This could relate to, but not necessarily limited to, emails, messages (any platform - formal or informal), documents including evaluation notes, minutes, memos, scoring spreadsheets relating to any stage of the process. It could include anything which directly or indirectly references our company.

For background to this request, we've included a trail of messages below this correspondence in which we previously requested information informally via Procurement.

This has not been forthcoming, which risks undermining the credibility of the process. Given any process of this nature should include a clear track of information, we believe it should be made available.

Under UK Law the Trust is bound by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR2015). The total contract value for this procurement is: £25,200 Inc VAT, therefore, the tender in question is below the current PCR2015 threshold of £139,688 Inc VAT and therefore feedback is not a mandatory requirement.

The Trust therefore will be applying Section 44 Prohibitions on Disclosure of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as the information is exempt as its disclosure is prohibited by or under enactment. This would include the prohibition created by Regulation 43 of the PCR Regulations.

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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