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Dear

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 27<sup>th</sup> 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:***

1. Please disclose since 1994, how many homicides by Trust patients have occurred within a year of contact with the Trust. Please give a breakdown by year.

Year	No of Homicides
2007	0
2008	0
2009	1
2010	0
2011	1
2012	0
2013	0
2014	2
2015	1
2016	1
2017	0
2018	0
2019	1
2020	2
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0
2025	0

**Please note records only go back to 2007.**

2. How many of these homicides by Trust patients were reported to NHS England or its predecessor bodies? **All incidents were reported onto the Strategic Executive**

**Information System (StEIS) which is overseen by NHS England and local Commissioners.**

Please give a breakdown by year.

3. How many of the total number of homicides by Trust patients reported to NHS England were independently investigated under HSG 94-27? **There has been one external review for a homicide in 2020.**

If not all homicides by Trust patients were reported to NHS England and/or its predecessor bodies, can the Trust explain why this was so?

For all questions 1-3, please include data for any of the Trust's predecessor bodies if this is available.

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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