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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 22nd April 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 the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. What technology platform does the Trust currently use to support its Direct Engagement (DE) model for the medical locum workforce? **None, once a Direct Engagement booking has been agreed, this is handled internally by the Trust.**
2. What is the name of the platform provider? **Retinue**
3. What is the cost of the platform expressed as a percentage fee or pence per hour? **N/A**
4. What staffing groups does the Trust include in its Direct Engagement (DE) model (e.g., medical, AHPs, clinical, non-clinical)? **Medical only**
5. What is the current uptake of the DE model within the Trust, specifically as a percentage or proportion of the total locum workforce? **100%**

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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