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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:

This is a Freedom of Information request for information relating to the letter this summer from Dame Emily Lawson and Vin Diwaker to all Trust executives and COOs, asking them to confirm "that [they] plan to adopt the NHS FDP in the next two years".

Source here: <https://www.digitalhealth.net/2024/08/nhs-england-says-trusts-must-start-using-fdp-within-two-years/>

I would like to see all emails, documents, attachments, and any other forms of response relating to this request between North Staffordshire Combined Mental Health NHS Trust and the two senior NHS officials.

As this aspect of the request is quite broad we would potentially have to search everyone's emails. We believe that the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000.

It's public information that you have been asked to inform the NHS when you "envisage adopting already available nationally commissioned local Products".

I would like to know when specifically, you plan to start adopting the FDP and who you are naming as lead (as is requested in the letter)?

I would also like to know what your plans are for how you will maximise the benefits of the Federated Data Platform to deliver better joined-up care for their patients within the next two years (again, asked of you in the above-mentioned letter)?

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust will use the FDR as mandated nationally for Mental Health services. The requirement is for Trusts to work with ICBs to form a plan to utilise the FDR in the next 2 years and the Trust have commenced exploratory discussions with colleagues across the ICS.

The Associate Director of Performance is the Trust lead for this.

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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