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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 8th May 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. Does your Trust have any specific clinical care pathways, protocols, or service guidance specifically for the treatment or management of patients with:
 - Dissociative disorders (including DID, OSDD, DPDR etc..)? **No**
 - Complex post-traumatic presentations involving dissociation? **No**
2. If yes, please provide copies of any relevant documentation or pathway flowcharts. **N/A**
3. Which clinical teams or services (e.g. CMHTs, trauma services, personality disorder services, psychology/psychotherapy teams) typically provide care for patients with dissociative disorders and dissociative presentations? **N/A**
4. Does your Trust offer or commission any specialist assessment or treatment (e.g. SCID-D diagnostic assessment) specifically for dissociative disorders? **N/A**
5. Are patients with dissociative disorders referred to external providers (e.g. Centre for Dissociative Studies, Pottergate Centre, or other independent services)? If so, under what circumstances? **N/A**
6. Has your Trust delivered any training or guidance for clinicians on dissociative disorders in the past five years? **No**
7. If possible, please provide the number or percentage of current patients under your care who have a diagnosis of a dissociative disorder. This may include conditions coded under ICD-10 (e.g. F44.8), ICD-11 (e.g. 6B64) or equivalent SNOMED CT

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terms. (If your Trust uses other diagnostic classification systems such as DSM, please indicate where applicable.)

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this question for the reasons below:

The Trusts Clinical Coding team records ICD-10 diagnosis codes following a patients stay within our inpatient services. This restricts our ability to provide ICD-10 codes for current inpatients as they will in majority have their ICD-10 diagnosis codes recorded post discharge from our inpatient services.

SNOMED diagnostic coding is not currently consistently being recorded within our community services. As a Trust we are working to fully embedded SNOMED diagnostic coding into our clinical system to enable us to respond to a request of this nature in the future.

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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