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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 13th 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:

This is a request for the following information:

- How many ADHD patients do you have currently?
- What percentage of ADHD patients are prescribed stimulant medication?
- How many ADHD patients have stopped taking stimulant medication since 2020? Please specify how many patients stopped because of side effects they were experiencing and make a brief note of the side effect
- Since 2020 how many ADHD patients have been prescribed non-pharmacological treatment? This could include Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, parent or family training, neurofeedback or advice and programs related to mindfulness and yoga. Please specify what the treatment was.

It is not possible to clearly identify ADHD patients due to SNOMED diagnosis coding not fully being implemented within the Trust. This would result in our response not being complete or accurate. This is something that the Trust is seeking to address.

To supply information requested would require a manual trawl of patients' records. 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.

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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