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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4th June 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please supply for your NHS trust:

- The total number of consultant-level doctors you currently have. **31 doctors**
- The total number of vacant consultant-level doctor posts you currently have. **4 doctors**

Please also supply:

- The total number of consultant-level posts substantially filled by agency locums for more than 6 months. **6 posts.**
- The total spend on agencies for locum consultants (both framework and non-framework) for the 2024/25 financial year.

Information relating to Trust locum consultants agency spend up to 31st December can be found here [Agency Information](#)

January to March data is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication.

- Any existing or planned controls on recruitment of medical staff in 2025/26. **None in place.**

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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