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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 6th 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:

1. Current logistics and supply chain model
 - a. How much space (in sq ft) does your organisation currently use for inventory storage of medical devices and consumables (please indicate whether this is on-site or off-site)? **Unable to quantify as these are stored locally on wards and community sites.**
 - b. Does your organisation make use of consolidated logistics hubs or off-site storage facilities for medical devices and/or consumables? **No**
 - c. Is this done in partnership with other NHS organisations? **No**
 - i. If so, does your organisation run this or is it run by another organisation? **N/A**
 - ii. If so, which organisation? **N/A**
 - d. How much does your organisation spend on medical devices and consumables through NHS Supply Chain? **£19,981 spend on medical devices last year**
 - i. What is this spend as a proportion of your organisation's total spend on medical devices and consumables? **Approx 70% of the purchases were through supply chain**
2. Delivery and stock management
 - a. What systems (if any) does your Trust use to manage inventory and logistics for medical devices and consumables? **This service is Outsourced to Clintech at University Hospitals North Midlands (UHNM)**
 - b. Are these systems integrated with NHS Supply Chain or other regional or national systems? **N/A**
3. Strategic priorities
 - a. Is your Trust actively exploring or piloting any new logistics models, technologies, or partnerships to improve supply chain efficiency? If so, please give any details. **No**



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Would your organisation be open to participating in a pilot of an alternative logistics model (i.e. one offering consolidated supply, enhanced stock visibility, and just-in-time delivery capabilities)? **Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are required to provide information that we hold at the time of the request. As your question pertains to a potential future action, it does not fall under the scope of the FOI Act. However, we can inform you that decisions regarding participation in pilot projects are typically made based on a variety of factors, including the potential benefits to our services, resource availability, and alignment with our strategic goals. For more detailed information you should contact the relevant department or team for more information on future plans or actions.**

4. Additional

- a. Who in your organisation is responsible for logistics and supply chain operations? Please provide name and contact details where possible. **North Midlands and Black Country Procurement Group are responsible for NHS Supply Chain for the Trust.**
- b. Who in your organisation is responsible for procurement decision-making relating to medical technology and consumable supplies? Please provide name and contact details where possible. **The Supplies and Procurement Department at the North Midlands and Black Country Procurement Group are responsible for the procurement side of medical technology and consumables, however any decisions responsibility would be shared as approval would be required at certain levels within the Trust, for example there would likely be the requirement for clinical trials, infection prevention approval, health and safety approval, finance approval and sustainability approval.**

Staff names and email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act).

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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