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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2000, I would like to request information regarding your current and planned usage of solar energy across your estate.

Please could you provide responses to the following questions:

1. Governance & Responsibility
  - Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation? **No**
  - If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required). **N/A**
2. Current Solar Deployment
  - How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate? **0**
  - What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)? **N/A**
  - What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation? **N/A**
3. Investment & Strategy
  - Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation? **No**
  - If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published). **N/A**
4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments
  - Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy? **N/A**
  - If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)? **N/A**

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5. Future Plans

- Are there any planned solar panel projects or expansions within the next 3 years? If yes, please provide high-level details (e.g. number of sites, scale of deployment, approximate timescales). **Unknown**
- Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years? If so, can these be shared? **N/A**

6. Procurement & Partnerships

- Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations? If yes, which ones? **N/A**
- Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions? **N/A**

7. Battery Storage

- Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels? **N/A**
- Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future? **N/A**

8. Funding

- Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)? **Yes**

9. Barriers

- What are the main barriers your organisation faces to further adoption of solar energy (e.g. funding, planning restrictions, roof suitability, internal resource)? **Funding**

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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