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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17<sup>th</sup> July 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:***

In our efforts to support the NHS within our region, we are exploring opportunities to work collaboratively with local hospitals to enhance availability of intravenous antibiotics and essential medicines. To better understand existing procurement patterns within your Trust, I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. A list of pharmaceutical suppliers and/or WDA(H) holders who have supplied prescription-only medicines (POMs) — particularly intravenous antibiotics — to hospitals under the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust within the past 12 months. This includes but is not limited to :
  - Darwin Centre
  - Dragon Square Community Unit
  - Harpland's Hospital
  - Hilda Johnson House
  - Holmcroft Surgery
  - Moorcroft Medical Centre
  - Moss Green Surgery
  - Summer View
2. For each supplier, please include:
  - Company name.
  - Product categories or examples supplied (e.g. IV antibiotics).
  - Contract type (e.g. framework agreement, spot purchase, direct award).
  - Approximate total spend per supplier over the past 12 months.

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**North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust has an SLA with University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM) who procure medicines on the Trust's behalf. For all of the areas listed above, they get medicines from the Trust's main Pharmacy, which have been procured via UHNM. As a mental health Trust with some GP practices, we do not use any IV antibiotics at all in the course of our services.**

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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