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Dear

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

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 21<sup>st</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:***

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from the trust from the last five financial years:

1. The number of staff who were sent to a foreign country to facilitate recruitment drives (to address shortages as set out as part of the NHS Long Term Plan). **0**
2. The total cost to the trust of each recruitment drive exercise including flights and accommodation. **£0**
3. The city and country that were visited as part of the exercise. **N/A**
4. The type of staff it was hoped would be recruited. **N/A**

Please can the information be broken down by year, for the last five financial years (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)

Please limit the search to just those where the bills for the recruitment were paid in any of the last five financial years.

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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