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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 21st 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, the request for information is related to adult mental health services in High Secure Units (HSUs), Medium Secure Units (MSUs), Low Secure Units (LSUs) and Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) - specifically where these services fall under adult mental health commissioning (excluding learning disability or other non-mental health pathways).

Services may be commissioned under a combination of spot contracts, out-of-area (OOA) placements, and block contracts, depending on the service type and provider. I am seeking to better understand the structure of commissioning and the associated payment flows.

Please provide the information separately for the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26 Year to Date (YTD) for the following:

1. Spot Contracts (excluding OOA)

- Total income (in £) on spot-priced adult mental health patients
- Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned
- Average fee (in £) per bed day

2. OOA Contracts

- Total income (in £) on out-of-area adult mental health patients
- Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned
- Average fee (in £) per bed day

3. Block Contracts

- Total value (in £) of the block contract obtained for adult mental health services
- Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the block by type (HSUs, MSUs, LSUs, PICUs)
- Average fee (in £) per bed day under the block

4. If breakdown by 1, 2, 3 not available

- Please provide aggregate figures for adult mental health services only:
 - a) Total cost (in £) of delivering care for adults for each service type
 - b) Total number of adult bed days delivered for each service type
 - c) Average cost (in £) per occupied bed day (or per week) for adults for each service type

Please see attached Appendix 1.

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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1. Spot Contracts (excluding OOA)

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total income on spot-priced adult mental health patients, by type <i>(in £)</i> | High Secure Units (HSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Medium Secure Units (MSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Low Secure Units (LSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned <i>(number of bed days)</i> | High Secure Units (HSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Medium Secure Units (MSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Low Secure Units (LSUs) | 365 | 122 |
| | Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total | 365 | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Average fee per bed day by type <i>(in £)</i> | High Secure Units (HSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Medium Secure Units (MSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Low Secure Units (LSUs) | £602.71 | £636.83 |
| | Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total | £620.71 | £636.83 |

Only one hospital site that comes under low secure excluding OOA
(April to July YTD 25/26)

2. Out-of-area (OOA) Contracts

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total income on out-of-area adult mental health patients <i>(in £)</i> | High Secure Units (HSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Medium Secure Units (MSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Low Secure Units (LSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned <i>(number of bed days)</i> | High Secure Units (HSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Medium Secure Units (MSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Low Secure Units (LSUs) | 1460 | 488 |
| | Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total | 1460 | 488 |
| Average fee charged per bed day by type <i>(in £)</i> | High Secure Units (HSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Medium Secure Units (MSUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Low Secure Units (LSUs) | £618.40 | £625.40 |
| | Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total | £618.40 | £625.40 |

(4 hospitals within the low secure category that are OOA)
(April to July YTD 25/26)

3a. Block Contracts (High Secure Forensic Units)

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult r | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissione | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day <i>(in £)</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult r | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissione | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day <i>(in £)</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult r | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissione | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day <i>(in £)</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult r | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissione | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day <i>(in £)</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |

The Trust is commissioned through a block contract and the information requested is not available in this format

3b. Block Contracts (Medium Secure Forensic Units)

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult r | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissione | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day <i>(in £)</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult r | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |

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| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |

3c. Block Contracts (Low Secure Forensic Units)

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |

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3d. Block Contracts (Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs))

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i> | Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total adult mental health bed days commissioned | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average fee per bed day (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |

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4. If breakdown by 1, 2, 3 not available

| Component | Type | FY2024/25 | FY2025/26 YTD |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| High Secure Forensic Units | Total cost of delivering care for adults (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total number of adult bed days delivered for each patient | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average cost per occupied bed day (or per week) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Medium Secure Forensic Units | Total cost of delivering care for adults (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total number of adult bed days delivered for each patient | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average cost per occupied bed day (or per week) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| Low Secure Forensic Units | Total cost of delivering care for adults (in £) | £246,6362 (Bed fees & obs) | £382,887 (Bed fees & obs) |
| | Total number of adult bed days delivered for each patient | 1825 | 610 |
| | Average cost per occupied bed day (or per week) | £6,757 PD (Bed fees & Obs) | £3,138 (Bed fees & obs) |
| Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) | Total cost of delivering care for adults (in £) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Total number of adult bed days delivered for each patient | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |
| | Average cost per occupied bed day (or per week) | <i>[Insert values here]</i> | <i>[Insert values here]</i> |

(25/26 data April to July 25 included for YTD figure)