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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 25th 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 I would like to request the following information.

The request relates to home enteral tube feeding, which is a way of providing nutrition to people who can't eat and drink normally. Dietitians within your organisation will likely be best placed to help with this information request.

1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes? Yes/No
2. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024?
 - a. Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period).
 - b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age.
3. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*?
 - a. Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+
 - b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age.
4. Does your organisation have the following:
 - a. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting (Yes/No)
 - b. Local blended diet policy – Community setting (Yes/No)
 - c. Blended diet guideline (Yes/No)
 - d. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure (Yes/No)
 - e. Blended diet training package (Yes/No)
 - f. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy.

5. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)?
- a. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding.

*A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

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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Name of NHS Trust or Board: North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

This organisation provides care for individuals who may use home enteral tube feeding	No
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	Aged 0-17	Aged 18-25	Aged 25+
Number of patients receiving dietetic input for home enteral tube feeding	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of the above using a blended diet	N/A	N/A	N/A

Local blended diet policy (acute setting)	No
Local blended diet policy (community setting)	No
Blended diet guideline	No
Blended diet standard operating guidance or procedure	No
Blended diet training package	No
If yes, please provide a copy	No

Staff posts funded by enteral nutrition providers	No
If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent), job titles and Agenda for Change banding.	N/A