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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 28th 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:

This is an information request relating to Pride month 2025
Please include the following information:

- Whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event. **Yes. On Saturday 21st June, NHS teams from across our Integrated Care System (ICS) came together for Stoke PRIDE 2025 under the theme 'Everyone is Welcome'. Staff from the ICB, Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT), University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM), and North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) came together to show our commitment to inclusion and equality. It was an opportunity to connect with the community, build trust, celebrate diversity together and showcase the NHS presence – both as a service and an employer.**
- Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2025/26 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost. **No budget was allocated; we participated in the event within existing resources.**
- Whether the organisation have sponsored any Pride events. If so which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value).
No

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

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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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