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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4th September 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:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. For each of these financial years – 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, please state:
 - a. The number of mental health patients aged 0-17 who were in contact with the Trust that year.
 - b. The number of mental health patients aged 0-17 in contact with the Trust that year who died during that year (be it as an inpatient or not; be it on the Trust's estate or elsewhere).
2. For each of these financial years – 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, please state:
 - a. The number of mental health patients aged 18-64 who were in contact with the Trust that year.
 - b. The number of mental health patients aged 18-64 in contact with the Trust that year who died during that year (be it as an inpatient or not; be it on the Trust's estate or elsewhere).
3. For each of these financial years – 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, please state:
 - a. The number of mental health patients aged 65+ who were in contact with the Trust that year.
 - b. The number of mental health patients aged 65+ in contact with the Trust that year who died during that year (be it as an inpatient or not; be it on the Trust's estate or elsewhere).

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

If the Trust classifies older patients as being 70+ rather than 65+, then it may replace 18-64 with 18-69 in question 2 and replace 65+ with 70+ in question 3. Please state if this is the case.



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With questions 1b, 2b and 3b I am asking for figures for patient deaths that the Trust is aware of; the Trust may not be aware of all deaths of patients.

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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Question	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
2022/23	6,418	2 Total 1 Natural Causes 1 Unnatural Causes	16,004	117 Total 63 Natural Causes 54 Unnatural Causes	7,569	84 Total 78 Natural Causes 6 Unnatural Causes
2023/24	6,525	0	14,231	101 Total 58 Natural Causes 43 Unnatural Causes	7,858	89 Total 84 Natural Causes 5 Unnatural Causes
2024/25	6,258	0	14,237	59 Total 58 Natural Causes 43 Unnatural Causes	7,664	76 Total 64 Natural Causes 12 Unnatural Causes