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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15th October 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 currently undertaking a research project on inpatient admissions for autistic individuals. To support my work, I would be very grateful if you could provide the following information from the 31st August 2024 to 31st August 2025:

- The total number of autistic children admitted as inpatients across the region you cover.
- The total number of autistic adults admitted as inpatients across the region you cover.

We are not currently able to identify all autistic individuals that have been admitted into our inpatient services. We are awaiting the 'Patient Diagnosis Status (Autism)' data item to be available within our patient administration system which will enable us to give a response to FOIs of this nature.

- Could you also please identify the specific region you cover. **Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire.**

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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