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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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:***

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request copies of the following:

1. How many active commercial technology contracts does your Trust currently hold?
  - a. For each contract, please provide:
    - i. The contract title or name
    - ii. The supplier/vendor's name.
2. For each active commercial technology contract that your Trust currently holds, please provide:
  - a. How long each of the contracts are currently held for
  - b. The start date and current end/expiry date.
  - c. The annual value or average yearly spend under each active commercial technology contract.
  - d. If the contract includes any extension or renewal options? If yes, please state the length and terms of these extensions.
3. For each active commercial technology contract that your Trust currently holds, please specify:
  - a. If any of these contracts relate specifically to cloud hosting or data centre services.
  - b. A brief description of the product or service covered by the contract, for instance type of technology or digital service covered (e.g. Electronic Patient Records, Cybersecurity, AI tools, Telephony).

**The Trust's Digital team does not hold the requested information in a format that would allow us to answer the questions as set out.**

Information relating to technology contracts is recorded across several systems and teams within the Trust, and there is no single dataset within the Digital team that brings together all commercial technology contracts, their values, durations, or service types in the way described. Based on an initial assessment, we believe that the work required to locate and compile this information would exceed the £450 cost limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For this reason, we are unable to process your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You may wish to refine or narrow your request, for example, by specifying a particular system, supplier, or category of technology which may help us identify information that can be provided within the appropriate cost and time limits.

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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