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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th 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:

Please provide the following information relating to your Trust's use of electro-convulsive therapy for the period between 1st January 2024, to 31st December 2024:

1. Treatments delivered by consent status, specifically including the number of treatments given to:
 - a) Those incapable of consenting, but ECT authorised where patient resists or objects (under Mental Health Act Section 58A). **1**
 - b) Those incapable of consenting, but ECT authorised where a patient does not resist or object (under Mental Health Act Section 58A). **6**

If information with this distinction is unavailable, please simply provide it for the number of treatments where a patient did not consent.

2. Please confirm the number of patients this pertains to for this period. **8**
3. Please also separate this information out by age, gender, and IMD decile (or if not possible, quintile).

Gender	Age	IMD Decile
Female	72	7
Female	59	4
Female	48	2
Male	57	6
Male	38	3
Female	77	3
Female	58	1
Female	41	3

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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