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Dear

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4<sup>th</sup> March 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:***

As of 2017, data detailing the number of patients who have died due to problems in care is required to be published by NHS trusts in England. This is set out in this press release: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-becomes-first-healthcare-system-in-the-world-to-publish-numbers-of-avoidable-deaths> and in this reporting guidance: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/patient-safety/patient-safety-insight/learning-from-deaths-in-the-nhs/>.

Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you provide the total number of deaths considered to have been due to problems in care in North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust for the periods:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
2. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
3. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022
4. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
5. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

To clarify, this is not a request asking for the total number of deaths but is specifically concerning those which are deemed to be due to problems in care.

Year	No of Deaths
2019/20	0
2020/21	0
2021/22	2
2022/23	0
2023/24	1

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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