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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

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

We would like to request the following information from North Staffs Combined HealthCare NHS Trust

- 1) We have the following formularies listed as used by the organisation: Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS Formulary

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide any relevant online links or copies of formularies. **Yes the Trust use the Staffordshire Joint Formulary, obtained via: [Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS Formulary](#)**

- 2) We understand the following committees maintain the formularies in question 1: Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB Medicines Optimisation Team

Please confirm if this is correct. If not correct, please list the relevant committees with the corresponding formulary. **The ICB Medicines Optimisation Team does the updates, however all updates are first approved via the ICB Integrated Medicines Optimisation Group (IMOG).**

- 3) Does the organisation have representation on the committees listed in question 2? **Yes, the Chief Pharmacist from North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is a member of this group, the Trust also have a Consultant Psychiatrist representative.**
- 4) Are any of the above formularies listed in question 1 dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the dominant formulary of the organisation. **N/A**
- 5) If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Netformulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so? **N/A, this would be an ICB decision, not currently using a PDF.**

## 6) Request for Re-use

If your organisation does hold this information and is able to share it, then I would like to submit the following request for re-using the information:

We (IQVIA) request permission to re-use the information provided as part of independent analyses commissioned by our clients. The contents of the reports will not be made available publicly but may be used by other IQVIA Group entities and service suppliers. The information in the reports will be presented in a factual manner with all publication details staying true to the publisher. **The Trust is happy for [REDACTED] to reuse data in this FOI.**

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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