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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> February 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 would like to determine whether Animal Assisted Therapies are offered within the Trust as treatments/interventions to patients. **North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust does not offer Animal Assisted Therapies.**
- I would like to determine how much is spent on these treatments/ interventions. **N/A**
- I would like to determine who offers these treatments, is it NHS clinicians, or other outside organisations and or volunteers. **N/A**

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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