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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4th November 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 request the most recent snapshot you hold (ide-date: 1 November 2025 or latest available day). Please give one number per question (or "not held" + signpost). Excel / CSV ideal; plain text fine.

This information in the form we understand it is not held by the Trust. In relation to the Trusts duty to provide Advice and Assistance under Section 16(1) of the Act we have provided our understanding of the potential holders of the information you seek in relation to points 1 and 5 (which would also relate to point 8).

In relation to points 3 and 4 the Trust would be in a position to provide information in relation to its own bed base as a provider of mental health and learning disability services. In relation to point 6 again we could provide this information in relation to our own directly provided services. Please let us know by reply if you wish us to provide this information.

1. Complex physical healthcare packages How many adult Continuing Healthcare (CHC) or jointly funded packages are currently live where the primary need is recorded as complex physical (not mental health / LDA)? **CHC team is hosted within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB). Should you wish to contact the Integrated Care Board you will find information on how to do so here <https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/>**
2. >4-week allocation delays Of the packages in Q3, how many have waited >28 calendar days from "fully funded" date to "provider accepted & started care"? **N/A**
3. Bed-blocking / delayed discharge Latest daily average (or total bed-days last month) where the primary reason is "awaiting community care package" (acute + community beds). **N/A**

4. Patients stuck in hospital On the snapshot date; how many in-patients are medically fit ("No Criteria to Reside") but delayed solely because no community package is available? **N/A – but please see initial paragraph**
5. Tier 4 LDA waiting list (ICB only) Current total number of patients waiting for a Tier 4 LDA bed commissioned by your ICB (CAMHS + adult secure). **Tier 4 beds gatekeeping is with West Midlands CAMHS Provider Collaborative (WMPC) (Toucan) who are hosted by Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For requests to BWC please visit <https://bwc.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>**
6. Tier 4 enhanced staffing On the snapshot date, how many Tier 4 in-patients (any unit) require 2:1, 3:1 or 4:1+ staffing (exclude standard 1:1)?
N/A – but please see initial paragraph
7. Procurement pipeline – next 6 months Please attach (or paste) your anonymised re-procurement tracker: **N/A**
 - Package ref
 - Postcode sector
 - Weekly hours
 - Current provider (or "spot")
 - Expected tender month (Redact any personal data.)
8. Best contact Name, job title, email & phone of the commissioner who awards complex care packages in your ICB/ Trust. **N/A**

If any figure is already sent to NHSE (SITREP / CHC dashboard), a copy of that row is perfect.

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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