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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 11th December 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:

1. Does your Trust currently provide or commission acupuncture treatments or acupuncture services? If so, please provide a copy of your policy, including on what evidence acupuncture is provided. **No**
2. For each of the last five fiscal years (2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25), please provide:
 - a. The amount spent on the provision or commissioning of acupuncture services or treatments. **£0**
 - b. The number of patients seen by these services. **0**
3. Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of acupuncture services? If so, please provide a copy of the contract. **No**
4. Which external organisations, charities or companies (e.g. the Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of acupuncture services in the five fiscal years? Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement. **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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