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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th January 2026. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Please provide the information requested below in relation to adult acute mental health inpatient beds within your Trust.

For the purposes of this request:

- "Adult" refers to patients aged 18 and over.
- "Adult acute bed" refers to general adult acute mental health inpatient wards and excludes specialist services (e.g. PICU, forensic, CAMHS, learning disability, older adults, rehabilitation, or long-stay wards), unless these are routinely classified by your Trust as adult acute.
- The reporting period is the last 18 months from the date of this request, unless otherwise stated.

Information requested

1. Length of stay over 12 months
In the last 18 months, how many adult patients detained under the Mental Health Act have had a length of stay exceeding 12 months in an adult acute bed within the Trust? (Please note: the date of admission may fall outside the 18-month reporting period.) **2**
2. Multiple admissions
In the last 18 months, how many adult patients have had three or more admissions (i.e. re-admitted two times or more) to an adult acute bed within the Trust? **63**
3. Average length of stay
In the last 18 months, what is the average length of stay for adult patients admitted to adult acute wards within the Trust? **35.53 days**

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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