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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 23rd 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:

I would like to please make a freedom of information request dated 23/01/2026 regarding the following:

1. Do you have any current Multi-Professional Approved Clinicians (MPAC) trainees? **Yes**
 - a. If yes, how many MPAC trainees do you have? **5**
2. Are you employing any MPACs? **Yes**
 - a. If yes, how many MPACs are you employing? **2**
3. Do your employed MPACs take on Responsible Clinician (RC) roles? **Yes**
 - a. If yes, in what setting do they take on these roles? For example, are they acting as RC on an individual level for individual service users, or at a team level for a ward?
Team level for a ward.
4. Do your employed MPACs have any clear supervisory roles for resident doctors? **No, only Consultant Psychiatrists are supervisors to Residents in the Trust.**
5. Do your employed MPACs take on the nominated deputy role for completing 5(2)? **Yes**
6. Do your employed MPACs take part on the on call rota? **Only medical qualified (either Resident Doctors or Consultants) staff take part in the medical on-call rota.**
7. Do you have a clear policy to determine allocation of psychiatrists or MPACs as the RC? **Yes**

8. In cases where the MPAC is acting as the RC but is not a qualified prescriber, what mechanism do you have in place to ensure a suitably qualified Approved Clinician (AC) is in charge of prescriptions? **Both of our employed MPAC's are qualified prescribers.**

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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