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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 3rd February 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 can you provide the information below under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If exact data are not held, please provide the nearest available figures or best available estimates, and specify whether they are estimates.

Where figures are not held in the requested format, please provide them in the closest format available.

Definitions

- "Adult" means clients aged 18 years or over
- "ADHD diagnostic assessment requests" means referrals received requesting an ADHD diagnostic assessment, regardless of whether the referral was later accepted, redirected, or rejected (where this is the easiest way for your Trust to extract data)
- If your adult ADHD diagnostic assessments are delivered via a combined neurodevelopmental service (e.g. ADHD/Autism), please answer using the closest equivalent service data

1. Recent referral numbers (demand)

- a) How many adult ADHD diagnostic assessment requests were received by your Trust's specialist adult ADHD service in:
 - i. Calendar year 2025 (or previous financial year if calendar year data not available). **1,878**
 - ii. Oct–Dec 2025 (last 3 months of 2025). **416**
- b) If it is not possible to separate ADHD diagnostic assessment requests from Autism diagnostic assessment requests, please provide the total combined referrals (ADHD and Autism) for:



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- i. Calendar year 2025 (or previous financial year if calendar year data not available). **N/A**
 - ii. Oct–Dec 2025 (last 3 months of 2025). **N/A**
2. Total number waiting (waiting list size)
- Please provide the estimated number of adults currently waiting for an ADHD diagnostic assessment as of 31 December 2025 (or nearest date available), split into:
- a) Adults waiting to be assessed within the Trust's own service. **3,617 patients are open to adult ADHD services and have not yet started their ADHD diagnostic assessment. Please note that a proportion of these referrals included within this figure have not yet been triaged and may not be appropriate for an assessment.**
 - b) Adults referred for assessment via Right to Choose providers, if recorded/held by the Trust (If your Trust does not hold Right to Choose waiting figures, please confirm this). **The Trust does not hold the Right to Choose waiting figures.**
3. Workforce capacity (establishment, staffing, sickness)
- a) How many funded FTE posts are specifically allocated to adult ADHD diagnostic assessment work within your Trust? **2**
 - b) How many of these funded FTE posts are currently filled (please provide headcount and FTE if available)? **2**
 - c) How many staff involved in ADHD diagnostic work are currently on long-term sick leave? (If fewer than 5, please state "<5".) **<5**
 - d) Please provide the professional background of staff conducting ADHD diagnostic assessments, including headcount and FTE where available:
 - Psychiatrists. **1**
 - Clinical Psychologists.
 - Counselling Psychologists.
 - Forensic Psychologists.
 - Mental Health Nurses. **1**
 - Pharmacists.
 - Other (please specify).
 - e) For staff conducting adult ADHD assessments, please indicate how many years' experience they have in ADHD diagnostic assessment work, grouped into bands such as 0–1 / 2–3 / 4–5 / 6–10 / 10+ years. **Not Known**
(If exact years of experience are not held centrally, please provide the closest available estimate known to service management)

4. Training & competence

How many assessors have completed additional ADHD-specific diagnostic training (formal course attendance recorded by the Trust/service), such as:

- a) UKAAN training. **2**
- b) Other recognised ADHD training (please specify). **No**

5. Supervision and quality assurance

What ADHD-specific clinical supervision arrangements are in place for ADHD assessors (frequency, supervisor role, format)? A brief description is sufficient. **As per Trust Policy.**

6. Productivity expectations (capacity expectations)

- a) How many adult ADHD diagnostic assessments are assessors (if full-time) expected to complete on average per month? **As per Commissioning agreement.**
(If expectations differ by professional group, please provide ranges or separate figures were available)

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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