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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 31st March 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:

1. Current Use of Asset Tracking
 - a) Does your organisation use any system to track the location of medical equipment? **Yes**
If "No" go to section 4.
 - b) If yes, which of the following methods are used to track equipment? (please select all that apply)
 - Fixed scanners or handheld scanners that detect tagged equipment automatically (e.g. radio-frequency or similar technologies). **No**
 - Tags or sensors attached to equipment that provide location updates within buildings (e.g. via Bluetooth or similar signals). **No**
 - Scanning barcodes or QR codes on equipment using mobile devices. **Yes**
 - Location tracking using GPS (e.g. for equipment used in the community). **No**
 - Manual recording of equipment location (e.g. spreadsheets, paper records, or asset registers). **Yes**
 - Other (please specify). **N/A**
 - c) If known, please provide the name(s) of any supplier(s) used. **Clinical Technology @ University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM)**
2. Scope of Tracking
 - a) Does tracking cover:
 - Acute settings only.
 - Acute and community settings. **All Settings**
 - Community settings only.

b) Approximately how many assets are tracked?

- <1,000
- **1,000–5,000**
- 5,000–10,000
- 10,000+

3. Operational Challenges

a) Does your organisation experience any of the following? (please select all that apply)

- Equipment not available when needed
- Time spent by staff searching for equipment
- Difficulty locating devices for maintenance or compliance
- **None of the above**

4. Evaluation and Future Plans

- a) Has your organisation produced any internal report or evaluation relating to asset tracking systems? **Yes**
- b) Are there plans to review or expand asset tracking capabilities within the next 24 months? **No**

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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