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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17th April 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 am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This request concerns your organisation's strategy, governance, and use of artificial intelligence (AI).

For the purposes of this request, artificial intelligence refers to software or systems that perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence, including machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing, and predictive analytics.

I would be grateful if you could provide the answers to the relevant questions by completing the table attached at the end of this request.

1. AI leadership
Does the Trust have named leaders for clinical AI tool evaluation and implementation? If so, please provide their names, NHS job titles and NHS email addresses. **No - The Trust does not have named leaders for clinical AI tool evaluation and implementation.**
2. AI Strategy and Planning
Does the trust have an artificial intelligence (AI) strategy, roadmap, or equivalent strategic document? If yes, please provide a copy or link. **No - The Trust does not currently hold a standalone AI strategy or roadmap document. Consideration of AI is incorporated within broader digital, information governance, and clinical safety arrangements.**
3. AI Policies
Does the trust have approved policies specific to the development, procurement, or use of AI tools? If yes, please provide copies. **The Trust does not hold AI specific policies. AI tools are governed through existing frameworks, including:**

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- **Information Governance and Data Protection**
- **Clinical Safety (DCB0129 / DCB0160)**
- **Digital assurance and procurement controls**

4. Governance and Oversight

Does the trust have a dedicated governance committee or formal mechanism reviewing AI initiatives for ethical and safety considerations? If yes, does it include clinical representation? **Yes - AI initiatives are reviewed through existing digital, clinical safety, and information governance structures rather than a standalone AI committee. Clinical representation is embedded within Trust assurance structures used to review digital and clinical technology, including those that may incorporate AI functionality.**

5. Use of AI in Clinical Care

Is the trust currently using AI tools in clinical care? If yes, does the trust conduct regular audits and use standardised methodologies (e.g. dashboards) to assess financial, clinical, and operational impact? **The Trust is not currently deploying AI tools in direct clinical decision making or patient care.**

6. AI Literacy and Training

Does the trust offer AI literacy or skills training for the following staff groups? Please indicate yes/no and provide brief details.

- Clinical staff. **No**
- Technical staff (e.g. clinical scientists). **No**
- Operational staff (e.g. secretaries, MDT coordinators and managers). **No**

NHS Trust Name	North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust
Name(s) of AI evaluation and implementation lead(s)	N/A
Job title(s) of AI evaluation and implementation lead(s)	N/A
Email address(es) of AI evaluation and implementation lead(s)	N/A
Q2: Local AI Strategy	No
Q3: Local AI Policies	No
Q4a: Local governance	No
Q4b: Clinical representation for AI governance, Governance Clinical	Yes
Q5: Current AI use	No
Q5b: AI use audit	N/A
Q5c: AI use impact assessment	N/A
Q6a: AI training for clinical staff	No
Q6b: AI training for clinical staff	No
Q6c: AI training for operational staff	No

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Yours sincerely



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