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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 1st May 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:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding cybersecurity, cyber resilience and EHR/ EPR supplier compliance. Please answer the questions below; where information is not held, please confirm this.

1. Certifications and DSPT status (please tick / fill)

Item	Trust	EHR/EPR Supplier
ISO 27001 — valid certification held? (Y/N)	No	Information not held by the Trust
ISO 22301 — valid certification held? (Y/N)	No	Information not held by the Trust
Cyber Essentials Plus — valid certificate held? (Y/N)	No	Information not held by the Trust
DSPT — submission completed for most recent assessment year? (Y/N)	Yes	Information not held by the Trust
DSPT — published status (Exceeded / Met / Approaching / Not Met)	Available at Data Security and Protection Toolkit	Information not held by the Trust, available at Data Security and Protection Toolkit
DSPT — independent audit of submission undertaken? (Y/N) [supplier only]	Yes	Information not held by the Trust

2. DSPT — narrative follow-up

If any DSPT requirements were recorded as 'Not Met' or 'Approaching Standards' in your most recent submission (Trust or supplier), please briefly describe the areas affected and confirm whether an improvement plan was submitted to NHS England.

The Trust's DSPT submission, including any assertions recorded as

“Approaching Standards” or “Not Met”, is published in full on the NHS DSP Toolkit website. Where required, improvement actions are managed in accordance with NHS England DSPT requirements.

3. Clinical safety

- a. Has the Trust produced a DCB0160-compliant Deployment Safety Case and Hazard Log for its primary EHR/ EPR system? **No**
- b. Has the EHR/ EPR supplier produced a DCB0129-compliant Clinical Safety Case Report and Hazard Log? **No**
- c. Please name the Clinical Safety Officer (CSO) for (i) the Trust and (ii) the EHR/ EPR supplier.
 - i. **The Trust does not disclose individual staff names under FOI; the role is in place.**
 - ii. **Information not held by the Trust.**
- d. Has the Trust conducted simulation exercises or downtime training with clinical staff to prepare for a ransomware attack? **The Trust undertakes simulation exercises, including ransomware scenarios, as part of a broader programme of organisational resilience testing. These are not limited to the EHR/EPR system.**

4. Cybersecurity leadership and staffing

- a. Does the Trust have dedicated cybersecurity staff (separate from general IT)? If yes, please give the FTE count. **No**
- b. Does the EHR/ EPR supplier have a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), and is this role UK-based? **Information not held by the Trust.**
- c. Does the supplier have UK-based cybersecurity staff responsible for NHS-deployed systems? If yes, please give the FTE count. **Information not held by the Trust.**

Please identify your primary EHR/ EPR supplier when answering the supplier-related items above. **The Trust’s primary EHR/EPR supplier is Dedalus (Lorenzo) who can be contacted on info.uk@dedalus.com.**

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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