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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th 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:

I am investigating NHS-commissioned Neurodiversity Services (ADHD and ASD) across the UK. "Neurodiversity Services" here includes assessment, medication initiation / titration and post-diagnostic support to individuals in the community. In England, this includes provision delivered via Right to Choose / Any Qualified Provider arrangements, where applicable. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. Please provide your total annual spend (for each of the last three financial years, FY23/24, FY24/25, FY25/FY26) on ADHD and Autism assessments, broken down by:
 - a. Total annual spend by third party private provider*.
 - **2023/24- £0**
 - **2024/25- £498,500**
 - **2025/26- £0**
 - b. For each third party private provider, total annual spend by assessment type (ADHD / Autism). **One provider, All Autism Assessments.**
2. Please provide your total number of patients (for each of the last three financial years, FY23/24, FY24/25, FY25/FY26) on ADHD and Autism assessments, broken down by:
 - a. Total number of patients assessed by third party private provider*.
 - **2023/24- 0**
 - **2024/25- 307**
 - **2025/26- 0**
 - b. For each third party private provider, total number of patients assessed by assessment type (ADHD / Autism). **One provider, All Autism Assessments.**
3. For each third party private provider, please indicate the contract type (block / activity-based), start date and end date. **Activity based.**

Please include volumes from NHS Trusts within your ICB that may deliver these services, and also third party private providers (or indicate if this is not possible)

FY is defined as a year starting in April and ending in March. For example, FY23/24 starts on 1 April 2023 and ends on 31 March 2024.

If exact spend by provider is not disclosable, please provide spend in bands (e.g., £5m) or top 5 providers plus 'all others'

*Third-party private providers Refers to independent, non-NHS organisations contracted to deliver ADHD and / or Autism services. These providers operate outside of NHS Trusts / ICBs / Health Boards and typically deliver services such as assessments, prescribing, post-diagnostic support, and therapy. Examples may include (but are not limited to) ADHD 360, Psychiatry UK, Clinical Partners, and Evolve Psychology. These providers may deliver services under direct contracts with the ICB, via framework agreements, or under the NHS Right to Choose pathway.

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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