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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15th June 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 conducting analysis on the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and would be grateful if you could answer the questions below for all relevant activity within the Trust.

1. I would be grateful if you could send the most recent planning document(s) for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, whether these are from the Trust, Integrated Care Board (ICB), or the region. I am particularly interested in planning documents that cover lumbar punctures (CSF) and Blood Biomarker testing.

There are no current planning documents within the Trust for all the above. We are working collaboratively with other providers across the ICB in terms of regional response with NHS England for the new treatments and diagnostic interventions.

2. To what extent are there plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Implementation of plans has started	No
A plan exists and implementation has not started	No
A plan is being developed	No
There is no plan	Yes
Other – please state	N/A

3. Are the plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease related to:

	Yes / No
Cognitive assessment services	No
Biomarker services	No
None / neither	No

4. Which of the following services does the Trust have in place in preparation for increased service delivery for Alzheimer's Disease?

	Related to administration of lumbar punctures Yes / No
Budget	No
People	No
Training	No
Clinic space / capacity	No
Governance arrangements	No

5. How many lumbar puncture procedures to test for Alzheimer's Disease were performed in the last three-month period for which data are available? **0**

6. Please provide the number of BBM tests for Alzheimer's Disease conducted over the last three-months, regardless of whether they were carried out within your organisation or sent to an external pathology laboratory.

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of Blood Biomarker tests	0	0	0

7. Which of the following biomarker tests were used to detect Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
pTau181 immunoassay tests	No
pTau217 immunoassay tests	No

8. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers samples for pTau181 and pTau217 immunoassay testing for Alzheimer's Disease? **N/A**

9. How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of pTau181 tests	0	0	0

10. Is pTau181 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials? **No**

11. How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial? **0**

12. How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of pTau217 tests	0	0	0

13. Is pTau217 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials? **No**

14. How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial? **0**

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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