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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 30th 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:

Please can you provide the analogous data on your in-house provision by the Trust, i.e.:

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* and in-house (NHS) provision.
 - b. For each third-party private provider/ in-house (NHS) provision, total annual spend by assessment type (ADHD/ Autism)
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* and in-house (NHS) provision.
 - b. For each third-party private provider/ in-house (NHS) provision, total number of patients assessed by assessment type (ADHD/ Autism).

• In-house Autism Assessments

Please note that we are unable to provide the 2023/24 financial year number of autism assessments. We currently use caseload information to derive that a patient has started an assessment, unfortunately caseload structures were not operational during the 2023/24 financial year.

Financial Year	No of Autism Assessments
2024/25	314
2025/26	335

- **In-house Adult ADHD Assessments**

Please note that we are unable to provide the number of CYP ADHD assessments completed in-house.

Prior to the creation of a dedicated CYP ADHD service within the Trust, ADHD referrals were managed as part of our Core CAMHS Community Mental Health teams. As ADHD-specific referrals cannot be separately identified or extracted from these records, we are unable to provide an accurate response to the number of CYP ADHD completed assessments.

Financial Year	No of Adult ADHD Assessments
2023/24	161
2024/25	348
2025/26	129

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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ADHD internal NHS				Autism internal NHS		
	Ass No.	£'s	Comments	Ass No.	£'s	Comments
23/24	161	37,273		0	N/A	unable to split costs from staffing for assesments only
24/25	348	53,989		314	N/A	unable to split costs from staffing for assesments only
25/26	129	31,803	unable to split costs from staffing for assesments only, as Substantive staff in post	335	N/A	unable to split costs from staffing for assesments only
	638	123,065		649		

ADHD - External PSICON				Autism - External N/A		
	Ass No.	£'s	Comments	Ass No.	£'s	Comments
23/24	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
24/25	307	498,500		N/A	N/A	
25/26	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
	307	498,500		0	-	