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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**I'm investigating Covid vaccine wastage during the first month of the UK-wide rollout, having heard reports of hospital staff being forced to throw away spoiled and leftover doses at the end of the day.**

**Would it be possible to be provided with the following information please in relation to the hospital vaccination hubs being run by your trust?**

- **Between 8 December and 8 January, how many doses of the Pfizer Covid vaccine were administered at each of your hospital vaccination hubs?**
- **Between 8 December and 8 January, how many doses of the Pfizer Covid vaccine were destroyed/discarded/thrown away at each of your hospital vaccination hubs? Do you have a daily breakdown of these figures? If so, can I be sent these please?**
- **In those instances where doses were destroyed/discarded/thrown away, what reasons were given for staff not being able to administer them to patients?**

As we are sure you will appreciate, the Trust is facing an unprecedented challenge in managing the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our teams do not therefore have the capacity to respond to your freedom of information request during this extraordinary period and we apologise that we will not be able to respond fully. We can however advise that we have had very minimal wastage of vaccine within our hub during the period 8 December to 8 January.

If you would still like the information please resubmit your request at the beginning of March.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust ([lynette.wells2@nhs.net](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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