



FOI REF: 21/033

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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:

- 1. Is dermatological surgery (skin surgery including e.g. punch biopsies and excisions) carried out routinely at your trust under Dermatology?**
- 2. If so, is consent undertaken for these using either of:**
 - a. Dermatology-specific consent form or procedure-specific consent forms pre-filled with a list of benefits and complications specific to either skin procedures in general, or the skin procedure being carried out?**
 - b. Pre-filled consent labels specifying the risks/benefits attached to the Trust generic consent form?**
- 3. If either a Dermatology or procedure specific consent form, or a pre-filled consent label is being used, please could you supply me with a copy? In the case of different procedure-specific consent forms used within skin surgery, please could you provide a copy of each form for each procedure?**

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

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) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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