

FOI REF: 21/415

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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 am writing to request the following information regarding the number of Covid-19 vaccine doses administered by centres run by your Trust, and the number of vaccine doses discarded or thrown away at these centres run by your trust.

Please provide figures and information for the time period starting from when the UK vaccine-roll out began in December 2020 - Present.

- 1. The total number of single Covid-19 vaccine doses administered by all health authorities within your trust each month, broken down by manufacturer, e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna.**

Please see the table below for the number of vaccinations delivered by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust:

	Pfizer	AstraZeneca
December 2020	1528	0
January 2021	15135	1
February 2021	5720	2070
March 2021	12612	422
April 2021	8928	2082
May 2021	0	87
June 2021	0	3
July 2021	0	16

Please note the Trust have not delivered Moderna.

2. **The total number of single vaccine doses that have been wasted or discarded at vaccine hubs controlled by your trust each month, broken down by manufacturer, e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna.**

Please see the table below for the number of Pfizer single vaccine doses that have been wasted or discarded and the reasons for this:

Month	Vial Knocked Over	Particles seen in vial	Human error in preparation	Temperature excursion	Expired
December 2020	7	2	1	5	12
January 2021	17	8	8	5	28
February 2021	0	1	1	0	0
March 2021	5	6	4	5	32
April 2021	2	1	6	0	0
May 2021	0	0	0	0	0
June 2021	0	0	0	0	0
July 2021	0	0	0	0	0

Please note that we do not have any records for AstraZeneca wastage and note that the handling, storage and expiry times for the AstraZeneca vaccine are very different from the Pfizer so it is much less likely to be wasted. Also we used Pfizer for the vast majority of our staff vaccination and only comparatively small amounts of AstraZeneca.

The Trust did not deliver Moderna, therefore we have no wastage.

3. **Please state the reasons for this wastage or discarding, e.g. dropped or contaminated vials; human error in the preparation process; expired stock; leftover doses; and faulty syringes.**

Please see the table above.

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 the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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