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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 would like to receive information about the number of data breaches your NHS foundation has experienced. This can be, for example, an email sent out to the wrong recipient, fail to BCC in an email or other human errors that caused data breach.**

**Can. I please receive the number of data breaches for the past 5 financial years meaning financial year 2020/2021,2019/2020.2018/2019, 2017/2018 and 2016/2017.**

**Can the information supplied be broken down by year?**

Please see the table below for the number of data breaches within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust for the period requested:

Financial Year	Number of Data Breaches
2016/17	95
2017/18	76
2018/19	126
2019/20	160
2020/21	127

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](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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