

FOI REF: 21/479

Eastbourne District General Hospital

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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:

Retail Catering Services / Patient feeding services

1. The name and contact details for the Chief Executive?

Joe Chadwick-Bell
Chief Executive
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2. The name and contact details for the Director of Finance?

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3. The name and contact details for the Director of Estates and Facilities?

Chris Hodgson
Associate Director of Estates and Facilities
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4. The name and contact details of the Procurement Director?

The Trust does not have a Procurement Director. However, our Head of Procurement is Angela Alletson, who reports to the Chief Financial Officer and can be contacted via the following email address:

a.alletson@nhs.net

Retail Catering

5. **The name(s) of the company(ies) who currently provides retail catering at the hospital?**

There are two companies that provide retail catering in concession areas of the trust. Aramark based at Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH) and Ovenmill at Conquest Hospital.

6. **Is this a single service contract or part of an IFM contract? If so, who is the FM provider and what other services are included?**

These are both single service contracts.

7. **How many of each type of outlet are there e.g. coffee shop, restaurant etc**

We have one coffee shop at Conquest Hospital and one coffee shop at EDGH.

8. **When does the contract expire?**

Ovenmill Expires 13th December 2026.

Aramark Expires 30th July 2028.

9. **What is the average sales turnover per annum for all the outlets combined?**

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice commercial interests of third parties. This is because release of the information could be detrimental to their competitive position in the market.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

Patient Feeding

10. **Who provides patient feeding within the hospital?**

In House.

11. **If this is run in house is the trust willing to consider outsourcing?**

No.

12. **If outsourced, is this a single service contract or part of an IFM contract? If so, who is the FM provider and what other services are included?**

Not Applicable.

13. **When does the contract expire?**

Not Applicable.

14. **What is the annual turnover per annum for patient feeding?**

There is no annual turnover for patient feeding. This cost is covered by the Trust.

Additional Questions

15. **How many beds are there in the hospital? If there is more than one hospital in the trust, please can you breakdown the number of beds per hospital building?**

As requested the site breakdown is as follows :-

Conquest Hospital	368
Eastbourne District General Hospital	314
Bexhill Hospital	54
Rye, Winchelsea and District Memorial Hospital	19

The Trust's bed numbers are available on NHS England website via the link below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-day-only>

16. **How many staff work in each hospital?**

As of 31st August 2021 the Trust's headcount at each hospital is as follows:

Conquest Hospital	3,223
Eastbourne District General Hospital	3,303
Bexhill Hospital	154

17. **Do you use a framework for catering? If so, which framework do you use?**

NHS Supply Chain - Food Supply Framework.

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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