

FOI REF: 22/044

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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. What specialist palliative care services are provided by the trust for the financial year 2021-22?

A seven day visiting service; face to face assessment of patients 8am – 4pm. Telephone support provided from our local hospice partners for out of hours concerns.

2. How many of the following specialist palliative care professionals are employed/funded by the trust for the financial year 2021-22?

- **Consultants in Palliative Medicine**

13.25 PA's a week.

- **GPs with a specialism in palliative care**

0 But 1 whole time equivalent (WTE) specialty doctor in Palliative Medicine.

- **Specialist Nurses employed as a clinical nurse specialist or a consultant nurse in palliative care**

8.07 WTE.

- **Allied health professionals**

1.8 WTE support workers.

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3. How many specialist palliative care beds are provided by the CCG for the financial year 2021-22 in the following settings?

- **In hospitals**

None.

- **In hospices**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide this service.

- **In nursing homes**

The Trust does not provide this service.

- **In another facility**

None.

4. During the financial year 2021-22, how many visits have been made by specialist palliative care professionals employed/funded by the trust to patients who died at home?

None, the Trust provide acute services only. Specialist palliative care services in the community are provided by the local hospices.

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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