

FOI REF: 22/074

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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:

### ADULT CONTINENCE SERVICE

#### (A) For the financial year 2018-2019

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/3/2019	12	9.9

- (ii) whether a named continence lead was in place

Yes, until the post holder left East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's employment on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

- (iii) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and

No longer in Trust employment.

- (iv) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.

Year	Non Pay	Pay	Grand Total
2018/19	1,002,006	384,400	1,386,406
ESDW	552,575	213,236	765,811
H&R	449,431	171,164	620,595

**(B) For the financial year 2019 – 2020**

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed**

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/3/2020	11	8.2

- (ii) How many continence staff were redeployed to other services as a result of COVID19**

4 Staff.

- (iii) whether a named continence lead was in place**

Yes, until the post holder left East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's employment on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Decision taken not to recruit while the adult continence service was being reviewed and during the COVID pandemic. An interim District Nursing Clinical Lead was assigned to provide support in the meantime

- (iv) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and**

Not applicable, please see above.

- (v) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.**

Year	Non Pay	Pay	Grand Total
2019/20	841,895	397,178	1,239,073
ESDW	572,656	249,201	821,857
H&R	269,239	147,977	417,216

**(C) For the financial year 2020 – 2021**

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed #**

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/3/2021	10	7.5

- (ii) How many continence staff were redeployed to other services as a result of COVID19**

6 staff.

- (iii) whether a named continence lead was in place**

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- (iv) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and

Not applicable, please see above.

- (v) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.

Year	Non Pay	Pay	Grand Total
2020/21	823,679	333,786	1,157,465
ESDW	524,783	181,851	706,634
H&R	298,896	151,935	450,831

**(D) For the financial year 2021 – 2022**

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/1/2022	12	9.1

- (ii) How many continence staff were redeployed to other services as a result of COVID19

6 staff.

- (iii) how many continence staff are still redeployed as a result of COVID19

None.

- (iv) whether a named continence lead was in place

Unable to recruit when post was advertised internally from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and again internal plus external from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

An interim District Nursing Clinical Lead was assigned to provide support in the meantime

- (v) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and

Not applicable, please see above.

- (vi) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.

Year	Non Pay	Pay	Grand Total
2021/22	842,695	347,734	1,190,429
ESDW	476,094	181,401	657,495
H&R	366,601	166,333	532,934

## CHILDRENS BLADDER AND BOWEL SERVICES

### (A) For the financial year 2018-2019

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/3/2019	2	1.8

- (ii) whether a named continence lead was in place

Yes, 22.5 hours per week.

- (iii) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and

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- (iv) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.

Year	Non Pay	Pay
2018/19	92,067	75,382

### (B) For the financial year 2019 – 2020

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/3/2020	2	1.8

Halfway through the year the children's bladder and bowel service had a Band 6 seconded to the service due to the pandemic.

- (ii) How many continence staff were redeployed to other services as a result of COVID19

None, although we did have a nurse re-deployed to the team

- (iii) whether a named continence lead was in place

Yes.

- (iv) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and

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- (v) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.

Year	Non Pay	Pay
2019/20	92,067	80,170

**(C) For the financial year 2020 – 2021**

- (i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/3/2021	3	2.6

- (ii) How many continence staff were redeployed to other services as a result of COVID19

None.

- (iii) whether a named continence lead was in place

Yes.

- (iv) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and

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- (v) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.

Year	Non Pay	Pay
2020/21	111,503	81,101

**(D) For the financial year 2021 – 2022**

**(i) how many dedicated continence staff were employed**

Date	Headcount	FTE's
As at 31/2/2022	4	2.8

The children's bladder and bowel service also use bank 6 hours per week to help with catch up on continence product assessments.

**(ii) How many continence staff were redeployed to other services as a result of COVID19**

None.

**(iii) how many continence staff are still redeployed as a result of COVID19**

None.

**(iv) whether a named continence lead was in place**

Yes.

**(v) to provide the name and contact details of any continence lead in place and**

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**(vi) what budget allocations were made for continence services during this financial year.**

Year	Non Pay	Pay
2021/22	96,000	73,800

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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