



FOI REF: 22/132

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## 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 request details of the average daily fluid intake and the average calorie intake of all patients, in each of the three Frailty Wards, during the month of January 2022. Please could the figures be presented separately for each of the three wards.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not record calorie intake for patients, only what they have eaten, i.e. cereals and milk.

Please also note that the Trust does not centrally record the average daily fluid intake or what the patients have eaten. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require the Trust to identify patients that had been admitted to the Frailty Wards for the period requested and then to manually review the patients' notes. We estimate that this would take approximately 100 hours.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cont.../

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

Linda Thornhill (Mrs)  
Corporate Governance Manager  
[esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)