

FOI REF: 22/173

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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. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total spend on opioid analgesic prescription painkillers for patients currently on a waiting list in your trust awaiting surgery for a joint replacement?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not prescribe opioid analgesic prescription painkillers for patients currently on a waiting list for joint replacement surgery. These drugs would be prescribed by their General Practitioner.

Please contact the South, Central and West (SCW) Commissioning Support Unit for a response to your request via: scwcsu.esussex.foi@nhs.net.

- 2. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of individuals on a waiting list in your trust who are being prescribed opiate painkillers of all prescription types to manage their pain?**

Not applicable, please see above.

- 3. For each calendar year from 2015, how many individuals are currently on a waiting list within your trust who have been prescribed opioid medications to help manage their pain?**

Not applicable, please see above.

- 4. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total cost of opioid medicines being prescribed to patients by GPs in your trust?**

Not applicable, please see above.

- 5. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of people that are currently being prescribed opiate medicines by GPs in your trust?**

Not applicable, please see above.

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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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