

FOI REF: 22/293

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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. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Trust (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust do not employ Social Work staff.](#)

- 2. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc) (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)**

[Not Applicable.](#)

- 3. Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent)**

[Not Applicable.](#)

- 4. Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker?**

[Not Applicable.](#)

- 5. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital / other NHS premises?**

[Not Applicable.](#)

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6. **If your Trust does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area.**

Social worker staff are employed by [East Sussex County Council](#).

'Hospital social workers' include employees registered with a social work regulator, who spend more than 50% of their working time facilitating hospital discharge or providing other social work services to inpatients of acute NHS services, excluding mental health. 'Non-social work registered staff' includes staff who provide a similar service to social workers, but who are not registered with a social work regulator. Please do not include any staff whose posts are funded by the NHS or other bodies, but whose contract of employment is with the local authority.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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