

FOI REF: 22/494

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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 is the name of your organisation?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

**2. How many employees are at your organisation?**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, the Trust employed 8,075 substantive staff (7,107.6 full time equivalents).

**3. How many mobile phone and mobile broadband (data only) connections do you currently have in total?**

4500.

**4. How many of these are data only (for laptops and tablets)?**

700.

**5. How many of these are voice and data (for mobile phones)?**

3800.

**6. Who is your mobile phone network provider?**

EE.

**7. Do you have a shared data bundle or individual allowances?**

Shared bundle.

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**8. What is your organisations average total data usage across all connections?**

2.5Tb per month.

**9. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in April 2021?**

We are applying exemptions Section 41 and 43(2) to this part of your request.

The information you have requested is exempt under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information would originally have been provided in confidence. Information is exempt information if –

- (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and,
- (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice commercial interests of third parties. This is because release of the information could be detrimental to their competitive position in the market.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that information broken down to the level requested would cause harm to the Trust as this could disadvantage the supplier against their competitors, therefore increasing our costs and not gaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

**10. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in May 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**11. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in June 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**12. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in July 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

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**13. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in August 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**14. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in September 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**15. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in October 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**16. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in November 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**17. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in December 2021?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**18. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in January 2022?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**19. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in February 2022?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**20. What was your total spend on mobile phone contract and overage costs in March 2022?**

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied, please refer to question 9.

**21. Do these numbers include VAT?**

Not applicable.

**22. When did you renew your mobile phone contract?**

July 2022.

**23. How long does your contract run for?**

12 months.

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**24. What is the renewal date of your contract?**

July 2023.

**25. How did you source your contract?**

Crown Commercial Service Framework RM1045.

**26. What is the value of your hardware/technology/transformation fund provided with the contract (if none provided please mark as n/a)**

A technology fund was included in the contract.

Sections 41 and 43(2) applied to the value of the contract, please refer to question 9.

**27. Who is the shareholder/primary contact for this contract?**

Michael Say, Deputy Head of Procurement.

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](mailto: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:

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Yours sincerely

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