

FOI REF: 22/545

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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) The number of occasions in the past 12 months when there were no out-of-hours GPs on shift;**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not hold this information as this Service is commissioned by the Local Integrated Care Board (ICB) who are Sussex Health and Care Integrated Care System (ICS). Would you therefore please contact them direct for a response to your request, contact details as follows:

Email: [sxicb.foi1@nhs.net](mailto:sxicb.foi1@nhs.net).

- 2) What advice was given to patients who sought a GP during the period when none were available;**

Not applicable.

- 3) What other staff were available during these occasions to provide assistance to patients;**

Not applicable.

- 4) The number of patients who sought out of hours care while there were no GPs on duty in the past 12 months;**

Not applicable.

- 5) The number of children who sought out of hours care while there were no GPs on duty in the past 12 months;**

Not applicable.

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**6) The number of occasions when an out of hours centre was closed due to lack of staff in the past 12 months;**

Not applicable.

**7) The number of occasions when just one GP has been on duty for an out of hours shift in your area in the past 12 months**

Not applicable.

**8) The total number of patients in your region.**

Not applicable.

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely

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