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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. How many artworks have been purchased by the trust in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21?**

None.

- 2. How many artworks are in the possession of the trust?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not own any artworks but 334 artworks are owned by The Works of Art Trust and managed by Arts in Healthcare, a charitable trust set up in approximately 1990.

Of this number there are:

20 artworks that are fixed into the fabric of the building, such as stained glass, flooring or bespoke (Chapel) furniture. These are either:

1. New commissions (e.g. flooring designs).
2. Historic artworks removed from demolished Victorian hospitals, that have been refurbished and installed into new hospital sites.
3. A small number of purchased wall hung artworks, installed in refurbished patient areas.

All funds to commission or purchase new artworks and refurbish historic artworks have been raised through applications to bodies such as Arts Council England and others.

(There are approx. a further 500 artworks that are ON LOAN, these are the property of the artists)

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3. What is the estimated value of the artworks?

Value of artworks is based on costs of REPLACING the artworks. (Flooring and Furniture has not been included in the figures).

Wall-hung/removable artworks:	£160,958
Fixed artwork (mainly archival):	£98,000
<u>Total Estimated Replacement Cost:</u>	<u>*£258,958</u>

*Please note that the figures above are estimates of the cost of re-making the artworks, they are not Market Values, which is unknown, but

<u>Total Estimated Market Value:</u>	<u>£150,000</u>
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4. How many of the artworks are on public display?

264.

(There are approx. a further 500 artworks on view that are ON LOAN, these are the property of the artists and change from time to time)

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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