

FOI REF: 22/142

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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. Please send me a copy of audited accounts for years 2021-22 when they are ready to be sent out for this hospital later this year.**

We do not hold this information at this time. East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust will formally publish the accounts and annual report for 2021/22 once approved by the Trust Board at our Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 13th September 2022.

Requests for copies of the report should be made in writing and directed to:

Mr Pete Palmer
Acting Company Secretary
Management Corridor
Level 4
Conquest Hospital
The Ridge
St Leonards-on-Sea
East Sussex TN37 7RD

- 2. Please let me know how much money the Department of Health, Mr Javid, gave to the hospital for years 2021-22 in finance to the hospital so that the hospital can run smoothly for service of its patients.**

Our 2021-2022 financial year is not yet finished.

Our last report figures cover the 1st 11 months of the year, and we reported income of £506,573k. The majority of this money comes from the Public Sector, but the Trust also receives income from non-public sector organisations

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The Trust received very little income directly from the Department of Health. The Department of Health allocate funding to an organisation called NHS England, who then allocate funding to other organisations – these organisations then provide funding to East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

We currently receive funding for patient services from local Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England Speciality Commissioning, NHS England Dental, NHS England Public Health, the Cancer Drug Fund, East Sussex County Council, and also the organisation Sussex MusculoSkeletal Partnership East.

We also receive funding for training clinical staff from a variety of Public Sector Organisations.

Please see the attached diagram for the Kings Fund which helps explain how funds flow from the Department of Health into NHS Trusts such as ourselves.

3. Names of external auditors for years 2021-22 and fees of the external auditors to do accounts for years 2021-22.

Grant Thornton UK LLP. We currently do not hold this information but the fees will be shown in the published accounts in September.

4. Can the hospital claim back VAT of 20% charged on the accounts from the UK Treasury Department.

No.

5. Please let me know if the hospital can claim back VAT on the final accounts of this hospital later this year.

No, we cannot claim back the VAT on the final accounts.

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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