



FOI REF: 23/026

8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## REJECTION NOTICE

### 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:

#### **How many bodies are released from the Mortuary without having been identified?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust have received multiple requests from yourself asking for the same information. We are therefore applying Section 14(1) to your requests.

Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious. The [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\) guidance on the use of Section 14 \(1\)](#), recognises that unreasonable requests can strain resources and get in the way of delivering mainstream services or answering legitimate requests.

We will, therefore, not respond to any repeated requests for information from you.

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.

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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  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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