



FOI REF: 22/691

12th December 2022

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:

The East Sussex Healthcare Trust recently made the decision to move the Coronary Intervention Unit from the Conquest Hospital to Eastbourne DGH, that will leave a 50 mile gap from Eastbourne to Ashford for the next equipped unit that can deliver emergency angioplasties for acute STEMI Myocardial infarctions.

Under the Freedom of information Act I request to know the names of the Committee members that made this decision, where they are based and how they voted.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) Board met in public on 11th October 2022 and the Board received a Cardiology Transformation paper. They were asked to approve a post-consultation Decision Making Business Case (DMBC). The production of the DMBC had been clinically led, and included extensive consultation with clinicians, other organisations, members of the public and other stakeholders. It contained a recommendation that the specialist site for acute cardiology services should be Eastbourne District General Hospital. The Board endorsed the recommendations set out in the DMBC, and approved submission of this endorsement to NHS Sussex's Integrated Care Board.

The minutes of the meeting on 11th October 2022 can be found within the meeting papers for the Board meeting on 13th December 2022 which are published on the Trust's website. These include details of the members of the Board who were present at the meeting. They can be found at: <https://www.esht.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/13-December-2022-Trust-Board-meeting-in-public.pdf>

Members of the Board do not have a base location as they work across the Trust's sites as required.

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The decision to move the Coronary Intervention Unit from Conquest Hospital to Eastbourne District General Hospital was made by the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB). Further information can be found on their website via the following link:

[NHS ICB agrees improvements to patient care in cardiology and ophthalmology across East Sussex - Sussex Health and Care \(ics.nhs.uk\)](https://www.ics.nhs.uk)

For additional information please contact the ICB direct via the following email address:

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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), 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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Yours sincerely

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