

FOI REF: 22/247

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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. What is the name of your Heart Failure Service?**

[ESHT Heart Failure Service.](#)

**2. Population served by the Heart Failure Service?**

[East Sussex population.](#)

**3. What is the service setting?**

a) **Acute hospital**

b) **Community hospital**

c) [Integrated care](#)



d) **Primary care**

**4. Approximate case load of Heart Failure patients seen per week?**

Clarification was sought asking you to confirm the date range that you would like the information for and confirmation was received that you require the following:

An appropriate figure would be the average number of HF patients seen per week since the first week of January 2022 if this was possible. If not, an average for the 4 weeks of the May 2022 would suffice. Please could you indicate which answer you have given.

Between 1st January 2022 and 30th April 2022, the Heart Failure case load team saw on average 24 patients per week.

**5. Number of follow ups in 2021/22?**

There were 492 follow up appointments attended in the financial year 2021/2022.

**6. Which populations do you provide the following services for and are you commissioned for these services?**

a) Heart Failure with preserved ejection fraction (HF<sub>r</sub>EF)

b) Heart Failure with reduced ejection fraction (HF<sub>p</sub>EF)

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) see all cause HF.

**7. Staff dedicated to Heart Failure:**

a) Number of Heart Failure consultants (pa's)

4.

b) Number of Heart Failure nurses (WTE)

8.54.

c) Number of Heart Failure Pharmacists (WTE)

Cardiology Pharmacist - 0.61WTE

**8. Which of these (a to g) does your NHS organisation have?**

- a) Access to open access ECHO ✓
- b) Access to Cardiac rehab?**
- c) HF Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) ✓
- d) Cardiologist Non HF specialist ✓
- e) Cardiologist HF specialist ✓
- f) Cardiology Pharmacist ✓
- g) GPwER (previously called GPwSI)**

**9. Which of the following (h to n) service models do you provide?**

- h) Acute inpatient ✓
- i) HF outpatient ✓
- j) Hospital based ambulatory heart failure unit**
- k) Community based ambulatory heart failure unit**
- l) Home based service / care ✓
- m) Community based clinic ✓
- n) Heart Failure virtual ward**

**10. Do you believe that the current service specification adequately reflects the range and volume of activity your service provides? (Yes / No)**

The right of access created by the Freedom of Information Act only applies to recorded information. The opinions requested above are not recorded and we are unable to divulge unrecorded opinions on these matters.

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](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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