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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:

**I would be grateful if you could provide me with a copy of the latest set of minutes foreach of the following ESHT Committees.**

**Finance and Investment Committee**  
**Strategy Committee**  
**Audit Committee**  
**People and Organisational Development Committee**

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that disclosure of the minutes may prejudice the Trust's future commercial interests as they contain detailed information about business plans, budgets and future financial and strategic planning.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Trust recognises that it would be preferable to be able to release these minutes into the public domain and is taking steps to ensure that it is able to do so in the future.

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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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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