

FOI REF: 23/120

11th March 2023

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 like the organisation to provide me with the following departmental documents around ICT and corporate procurement.

Many organisations within your region have different document title names:

- 1. 2023/24 IT Department Documents ;-** these types of documents have detailed information on the department's future plans and strategies. These documents could include:

ICT Strategy/Plan, ICT Department Plan, ICT Financial Plan

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above in respect of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's digital strategy. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain via the following link on page 113:

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/8-February-2022-Trust-Board-meeting-in-public.pdf>

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

Please note that this is the current live version; it is not re-written each year.

ICT Department and Financial planning for 2023/24 is not complete, therefore this is not available.

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2. ICT Org Chart:- with names and job titles

Please see the attached document.

Please note that it is the FOI policy to only release the names of staff that are grade 8a or above. We have therefore only provided the job title for staff below that grade.

3. Corporate Procurement Strategy that covers 2023/24 and more.

The Procurement Strategy is not available for 2023/24 as it has not been finalised.

For all the documents I have requested, please provide me with the 2023/24 documents, I only want to only receive documents that are live and valid. If the document is a strategic plan (e.g. 2020-2025) that covers a set number of years, please provide me with the 2023 version.

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.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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