

FOI REF: 23/157

15<sup>th</sup> 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:

1. **Please state the number of wards, departments or services that have been temporarily or permanently suspended or closed due to structural, maintenance or repair issues (e.g. power failure, flooding, collapsed ceilings, ventilation issues, leaks) in the following years:**
  - a. **2022**
  - b. **2021**
  - c. **2020**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not record the ramifications of structural maintenance or repair issues on wards, departments or services; therefore, we do not hold this information.

2. **For each year, please provide a breakdown of incidents, covering:**
  - a. **The date of the incident and the site of the incident.**
  - b. **The cause of the incident – eg. power failure, flooding, water shortage, ventilation broken**
  - c. **Duration of the incident or if it is still ongoing**

We do not hold this information, please see above.

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.

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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