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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:

**My questions are in relation to the new hospital promised to this trust under the Government's New Hospital Programme at Eastbourne;**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-confirms-37-billion-for-40-hospitals-in-biggest-hospital-building-programme-in-a-generation>

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, please may I have the following information:**

**1) What is the estimated cost of the new hospital the Trust is due to build?**

The Trust is considering a number of improvement options for its three main hospital sites at Eastbourne District General Hospital, Conquest Hospital and Bexhill Hospital under the New Hospital Programme. However, the Trust is awaiting confirmation of the level of funding that it will receive from the Programme and the options will then be put into place depending on the level of funding allocated.

**2) How much money has currently been spent by the Trust on this new hospital?**

Zero.

**3) How much money has been transferred from the Government and/or the NHS to the Trust to begin building the hospital?**

Zero.

**4) Do you have planning permission to build the new hospital yet?**

Plans will be dependent on the funding allocation from the New Hospital Programme and therefore a planning application has not been submitted.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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:

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Yours sincerely

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