

FOI REF: 23/388

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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) **For each year (2020 – 2022), please confirm how many cyberattacks your Trust has suffered?**

0.

- 2) **For each year (2020 – 2022), please confirm how many cyberattacks have resulted in the halting of or delay in delivery of care or services to patients?**

0.

- 3) **For each year (2020-2022), please confirm:**

For East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) the cybersecurity activity is part of the ESHT data security budget but it is not reported separately. Figures provided relate to ESHT data security.

- a) **The GBP (£) value of budget allocated to cybersecurity**

### **ESHT Data Security budget**

2020: £375k

2021: £382k

2022: £390k

- b) **What percentage of the Trust's entire budget for the financial year was spent on cybersecurity?**

**Percentage of ESHT Budget spend allocated to Data Security:**

2020: 0.08%

2021: 0.07%

2022: 0.07%

- 4) **How many times in the last 12 months have you audited your third-party suppliers' cybersecurity measures?**

0.

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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Yours sincerely

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