

FOI REF: 23/411

20th July 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'd be grateful if you could provide me with details of which hospital(s) within your trust area:

1. Have medical staff/surgical team trained to carry out bloodless surgery.

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's staff have not been trained to carry out bloodless surgery.

2. Have autologous blood transfusion and patient's own cell salvage equipment available.

The Trust does not offer autologous transfusion. Cell salvage is available and utilised for suitable surgeries and patients who do not wish to received donor blood transfusions.

3. Keep stocks of synthetic blood transfusion substitutes.

The Trust does not offer synthetic blood transfusion but we have concentrates, i.e. Fibrinogen Concentrate and Octaplas (plasma).

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.

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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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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