

FOI REF: 23/478

2nd August 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:

Please provide a copy of the Trust's covid-19 policy in place in MAY 2021

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust did not have a COVID policy in place in May 2021 because national guidance was rapidly changing. Instead, we followed the national guidance. Documents have since been archived but can be obtained on request from NHS England if needed, via the email below and write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line:

england.contactus@nhs.net

Please provide the waiting lists or timeframes for an urgent vascular assessment following a GP referral for an urgent assessment/consideration for vascular surgery in MAY 2021.

The following data is based on: -

- Date range – First appointments with an appointment date for May 2021
- Urgent Referrals from GP into Vascular Surgery Specialty
- Average wait time from referral to first assessment appointment – in days

For All Outpatient First Appointments Recorded for May 2021 – Referred as Urgent by GP (whether attended or not)

Referral Urgency	Nos Appts	Appt Month	Average Wait in Days
URGENT	9	May-21	139

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For Attended Outpatient First Appointments in May 2021 - Urgent referral by GP

Referral Urgency	Nos Appts	Appt Month	Average in Days	Wait
URGENT	6	May-21	18	

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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