

FOI REF: 23/514

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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:

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 Documents have since been archived but can be obtained on request from NHS England if needed, via the email below and write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line: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 a routine vascular assessment following a GP referral for a routine assessment/consideration for vascular surgery in May 2021.

Please see the table below for all outpatient first appointments recorded for May 2021 – referred as routine by GP (whether attended or not):

Referral Urgency	Nos Appts	Appt Month	Average Wait in Days
ROUTINE	103	May-21	122

Please see the table below for attended outpatient first appointments in May 2021 - routine referral by GP:

Referral Urgency	Nos Appts	Appt Month	Average Wait in Days
ROUTINE	57	May-21	98

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
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Yours sincerely

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