

FOI REF: 23/519

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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) **How many Adult or Paediatric cannulation procedures (Peripheral Cannula passed) were done in your trust in the past financial year? This can be estimated figure (from number of cannulas purchased) or actual if any such records are kept by the trust.**

Total cannulas purchased for 2022/23                      207,749

- 2) **Do you use any form of prepacked cannulation kits that provide all appropriate equipment needed? These are manufactured outside the hospital and delivered as one whole pack, or the items are purchased / used separately.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) does not use pre-packed kits, we put everything together from a trolley.

- 3) **Which type of cannula is used / preferred at your trust or hospital? There are two types – one with safety mechanism E.g., BD or Vygon or ones without safety. The safety cannulas are designed to prevent needle stick injuries.**

The majority of ESHT use BD nexiva as the main non ported, however theatres and resus use BD ported cannulas. Judy beard unit use deltavan cannulas. The Vascular Access Team also use a BBraun deep access introcan long cannula. All have safety needles.

- 4) **Does the trust / hospital use any particular cannula more than others and if so what is the name of manufacturer(s) and breakdown of their supply e-g leading manufactures are BD, Vygon, etc.**

BD nexiva 2022/23 usage was 137,480 and BD ported 2022/23 usage was 70,269.

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5) Is there any breakdown of cannulas used by their size / gauge (e-g 22G Blue / 20G pink)?

Yes.

6) Do you use the NHS supply chain or purchase these cannulas / cannulation packs directly independent suppliers / distributors or companies within your trust? If so, please can we be provided with the supplier(s) / distributor (s) name(s) and breakdown of items purchase in last financial year.

The Trust purchased cannulas via NHS Supply Chain, figures as per question 4.

7) What is the total number of hospital beds you have within your trust and its occupied capacity?

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-day-only>

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

8) What is the total number of annual attendance in the following departments:

i) Accident and Emergency

ii) Surgical Assessments Unit

iii) Medical Day Unit / Medical Admission Units

Please see the table below for the number of attendances at A&E, SAU, SDEC, AAU/AMU for financial year 2022/23:

Site	A&E Attendances	AEC Attendances	AAU/AMU	SAU
Conquest Hospital	73,397	4,628	6,072	4,874
Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH)	78,690	8,827	5,589	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,087</b>	<b>13,455</b>	<b>11,661</b>	<b>4,874</b>

Please note that AEC/AAU/AMU patients aged 17 and over only. Figures include ward attenders and outpatient clinics.

Please also note that there is no SAU at EDGH. Patients come across from Conquest Hospital.

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**9) What is the annual budget for clinical waste disposal?**

The total annual budget for Clinical Waste is £318,216.

**10) Do you have any figures in weight (tons) of clinical waste disposed of by your trust?**

Approximate annual tonnage for the Clinical Waste produced is 630.99 tons.

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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