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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) Please provide the number of times your Trust called in emergency contractors or builders for unplanned maintenance and repair works in 2022.**

The Estates strategy is for our Estates Team to provide all first line response to Trust owned and maintained assets across the various sites. They would attend any breakdown or reported fault and assess the situation, undertake a repair or make safe as appropriate/applicable. If the team were unable to complete a repair or specialist knowledge/capability was required, we would then place a call with the relevant contractor who maintains that equipment. Our Estates Team undergo regular training on all equipment installed to ensure that we are able to respond appropriately. Given the nature of our working environment 2 acute hospitals and a specialist hospital at Bexhill we could not rely on third parties to respond in a timely manner. Medical equipment is maintained by our inhouse Clinical Engineering team.

- 2) Please provide the total cost of emergency contractors or builders for unplanned maintenance and repair works in 2022.**

Not applicable.

- 3) Please provide the largest cost for a single unplanned maintenance and repair work in 2022.**

Not applicable.

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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Yours sincerely

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