

FOI REF: 23/696

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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:

I'm researching issues surrounding Electronic Patient Records (EPR) or Electronic Medical Records (EMR).

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not currently have a full Electronic Patient Record system.](#)

Please can you answer the following questions, and where possible name the hospitals involved:

1) Do you monitor and log potential patient harms as a result of problems with your Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system?

[Not applicable.](#)

2) Overall, how many letters to GPs, or documents, have not been sent out as a result of EPR problems?

[Not applicable.](#)

3) Please give the date/s when you discovered these letters were not sent?

[Not applicable.](#)

4) Overall, how many incidents of potential patient harm have been connected to your EPR system?

[Not applicable.](#)

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5) Overall, how many incidents involving EPR at your trust have been declared as “serious harm” or a “serious incident”?

Not applicable.

6) Overall, how many patient deaths have been connected to EPR?

Not applicable.

7) How much have you spent on your EPR system overall?

Not applicable.

8) How much do you anticipate spending on EPR in the next five years?

We are unable to provide an answer until our Full Business Case is approved.

9) What is the anticipated cost of running the EPR system at your trust annually?

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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