

FOI REF: 23/727

15th November 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 as a Freedom of Information disclosure the total NHS trust spending on gift cards and gift vouchers in:

- 2022/23
- 2021/22
- 2020/21

For each year please provide a breakdown of total spending on:

1) Gift cards and vouchers for staff

2020/2021	£2,000 Trust Annual awards and Long service awards.
2021/2022	£1,650 Trust Annual awards and Long service awards.
2022/2023	£450.00 Long service awards.

2) Gift cards and vouchers for patients on health incentive schemes (such as losing weight, quitting smoking, cutting down or quitting alcohol). If possible please break down the spending for each type of scheme.

All of the gift cards our service users receive are part of an incentive scheme to quit smoking. The scheme launched in December 2022 and was only for young parents during 2022/2023. The vouchers are funded by East Sussex County Council.

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

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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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