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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 getting in touch to request information regarding funds spent and raised by the Trust.

1) Does your trust receive funding from:

a) A League of Friends organisation?

Yes - [The Friends of Conquest Hospital](#)
[Friends of Eastbourne Hospital](#)
[The League of Friends of Bexhill Hospital](#)
[The Friends of the Rye, Winchelsea and District Memorial Hospital](#)

b) A formal NHS charity/charity?

Yes - [East Sussex Healthcare NHS Charity](#).

If so, could you please provide the names of each organisation.

[Please see above.](#)

2) Please could you provide the sums raised by:

a) A League of Friends organisation.

[The Friends are individual registered charities and are therefore not subject to Freedom of Information legislation.](#)

b) A formal NHS charity/charity.

[Please see attached document.](#)

Please provide separate figures for each organisation and provide the annual funds raised for the last three full financial years and the first six months 2023/4.

[Please see above.](#)

3) Using the same timeframes (the last three full financial years and the first six months of 2023/4), please provide a full breakdown of how funds from each of the organisations were spent. Please make it clear which projects/purchases were funded by each organisation and which purchases/projects were requested specifically by:

a) Trust/hospital.

Please see attached document.

b) NHS charity or League of Friends.

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4) If the cost limit has not yet been reached, please provide any formal guidelines the trust must follow when it comes to spending funds by either or both organisations. For example, are there any restrictions on spending money on medical equipment, locum staff positions etc?

The Charity does not set cost limits of this nature on the funding that it provides to the Trust.

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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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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