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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:

How many organisations are compliant with the UHA guidance which states that:

"If any of a foundation trust's hospitals have a formal relationship with a medical or dental school provided by a university, at least one member of the council of governors must be appointed by that university".

Could I ask that you therefore send me the number of governors you have from a university.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust is an acute trust, and not a foundation trust. We, therefore, do not have governors.

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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