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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) Between 01.01.19-03.04.24, how many patients have absconded from your medium- or high-security psychiatric facilities?**

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:

[foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk)

- 2) Of that figure, how many were/are serving sentences for either murder, manslaughter (with or without diminished responsibility) or rape?**

Not applicable.

- 3) Please provide a breakdown of these stats by security level, year and sentence.**

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](mailto: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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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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