

FOI REF: 24/146

## 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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on the state of your Trust's estate.**

- 1. The number of incidents where a building or an area of a building was made unsafe, the average length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, and the longest length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, due to faults with the lighting at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust had no incidents, in which any of our buildings was unsafe due to lighting failures, during the period requested.

- 2. The number of incidents where a building or an area of a building was made unsafe, the average length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, and the longest length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, due to structural issues with the building at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

The Trust had no incidents, in which any of our buildings was unsafe due to structural issues, during the period requested.

- 3. The number of incidents, the average length of time, and the longest length of time a lift at your NHS Trust was not usable, and the number of times a lift being unusable restricted step-free access in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

Please see below for the number of incidents, in which a lift became unusable, during the period requested:

- 2019 – 154 incidents
- 2020 – 121 incidents
- 2021 – 109 incidents
- 2022 – 99 incidents

e) 2023 – 102 incidents

The Trust does not capture the data in a way which would enable us to provide a response to the average length of time or longest time that a lift was unavailable, therefore, we do not hold this information.

The Trust's sites have multiple lifts, and we are not aware of any instances when step free access was unavailable.

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.

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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