

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 am writing to make a formal request for information regarding collaborative working (including joint working) projects with pharmaceutical and related companies that your organisation is involved in.

For clarity, by “collaborative” I mean projects/initiatives whereby you are working with one or more pharmaceutical companies to deliver enhanced patient care or are for the benefit of patients or alternatively benefit the NHS and, as a minimum, maintain patient care. By “Joint working” I mean projects/initiatives involving working between one or more pharmaceutical company and healthcare organisation(s), which is patient-centred and always benefits patients.

For each collaborative/joint working project entered into from April 2019 to today please detail:

- 1) Name of project/initiative.**
- 2) Date entered into the project/initiative.**
- 3) Name of the pharmaceutical company/companies.**
- 4) Name of the NHS organisations involved.**
- 5) The aims/goals used to justify the project.**
- 6) Resources planned to be utilized in the projections, or assessments conducted by your organisations on the outcomes or impact of these joint working projects.**
- 7) When the project/initiative is planned to be complete.**

In response to all of the questions above, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has not entered into any collaborative/joint working projects with pharmaceutical or related companies.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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