

FOI REF: 24/770

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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. Which Executive Board member would be responsible for RPA/IA, and what are their contact details?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have an Executive Board member responsible for RPA/IA.

- 2. Please list the names of the automations your organisation has live.**

Section 17(1) refusal notice - I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log/?keyword=Robotic>

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

- 3. Do you plan to expand the use of automation technologies in other areas of your organisation beyond those currently implemented?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

- 4. Do you develop automations in-house, or do you outsource development? If outsourced, which organisation do you outsource development to?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

- 5. What have been the main barriers or challenges your organisation has encountered in implementing automation initiatives?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

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6. **What are the primary reasons for implementing automation within your organisation? Please select from: cost reduction, improved patient care, efficiency improvement, error reduction.**

Section 21 applied, please refer to question 2.

7. **How many licences are under your contract?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

8. **What is your contract start date?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

9. **What is your contract end date?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

10. **What is your current annual spend with your supplier for RPA licences?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

11. **What is your current annual spend with your supplier on external professional services to deliver RPA/IA?**

Section 21 applied, please see above.

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
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Yours sincerely

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