

FOI REF: 24/774

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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:

Please may I know if your NHS Trust

1. Owns any staff accommodation?

We own staff accommodation at 3 locations as follows, The Conquest Hospital, Eastbourne District General Hospital and Welkin in Eastbourne. The current accommodation at Eastbourne District General Hospital will be redeveloped as part of the New Hospital Programme.

2. If this accommodation currently available for your NHS staff to book on a short term and ad hoc basis?

All accommodation is available on a standard Assured Short Term Tenancy Agreement, with a period of 6 months, renewable on a rolling basis after this. We provide accommodation for students as well as Doctors on postings which may be on shorter periods depending on their secondments. We also provide on call and rest rooms as part of this service.

3. Is the management of bookings of these properties (by staff) outsourced to a 3rd party?

This is insourced we employ our own accommodation team.

4. If the management of these properties is done inhouse, by the Trust, what software (if any) is used to manage these bookings?

We use a system called Resman.

5. Please may I have the name and email address of the manager of this NHS Staff Accommodation service

The Accommodation Team reports into the Facilities Ancillary Service Manager - John Kirk.

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

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

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
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Yours sincerely

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