



FOI REF: 24/911

20th January 2025

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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:

In the last five years (i.e 2019-2024) at your trust, how many incidences have there been of members of the public or other patients pretending to be a medical professional in your hospital?

For each case found I'd also like any information as to if the individual interacted with any patients.

So for example;

1 incident. March 2020. No interaction with a patient.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has had 1 incident during the period requested, details as follows:

1 incident. October 2019. The visitor who appeared to be a private community practitioner appeared to be assessing a patient and spoke to the family about the patient's treatment plan.

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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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