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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. **How many management consultants have been employed in your Trust over the last five years?**

Clarification was sought with regard to whether you mean Management Consultants directly employed by ESHT and on ESHT payroll, or do you mean Management Consultancy services provided by external organisations to ESHT, and confirmation was received that you require both options.

Zero, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) does not employ any Management Consultants.

2. **How much has this cost, per year?**

Financial Year	Total number of management consultant staff (in FTE) *	Total cost of management consultant staff (in £) **
2024-25 (year to date)	Not Applicable	£27,090
2023-24	Not Applicable	£184,052
2022-23	Not Applicable	£186,601
2021-22	Not Applicable	£0
2020-21	Not Applicable	£158,967

### Notes:

\* ESHT do not have any employed Management Consultant Staff

\*\* Costs are for Management Consultancy Services provided by external organisations.

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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  
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Yours sincerely

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