

FOI REF: 25/035

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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 provide information for the following for the year 2024 (January-December).

- How many doctors, physician associates and nurses do you employ in your Accident and Emergency department?**

Please see the table below for the number of staff employed within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's Accident and Emergency Departments as at 31st December 2024:

| Staff Group | A&E Conquest | A&E EDGH | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| Medical and Dental | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Nursing and Midwifery Registered | 76 | 91 | 167 |
| Additional Clinical Services | 39 | 31 | 70 |

Please note that there are no Physician Associates in Accident and Emergency.

- Please state the colour of the scrubs each of these roles is required to wear in your Accident and Emergency department:**

Doctors - We do not have a set colour of scrubs to be worn by doctors. This is because there is not any present nationally agreed colour for doctor or grades of doctor to wear.

Physician Associates - Not Applicable.

Nurses -

Care Support Warder's wear green along with our B3 Emergency Care Technicians (ECTs).

Registered Nursing Associates (RNA) and Registered Nurses (RNs) wear blue scrubs.

Junior sister/charge nurse wear navy blue.

Matrons wear purple.

Emergency Nurse Practitioner's wear dark grey.

3. **Are there any visual indicators a doctor, a physician associate or a nurse might display to illustrate their role in your Accident and Emergency department? If none please state.**

We do not have any visual indicators such as posters etc., that indicate the colour of the uniform in relation to the role.

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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