

EIR REF: 25/066

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ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Environmental Regulations Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please provide information on the following:

1) Disposal of medicines:

Please provide, for each of the past 5 calendar years, any available data on the quantity of medicines disposed of across the trust, because they had passed their expiry date.

Year	Number of Packs
2020	2399
2021	3521
2022	2629
2023	3075
2024	2981

2) Disposal of single-use medical supplies:

Please share, for each of the past 5 calendar years, the estimated quantity and cost of single-use medical supplies that were disposed of without use, including the main causes for their non-utilisation (e.g., expiry, packaging damage).

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not record this information. If anything went into the waste streams we would not have a record of what this would have been as it would have been bagged as per appropriate waste stream.](#)

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3) Impact of over-ordering or over stocking on waste:

Please provide, for each of the past 5 calendar years, any internal assessments or audits regarding the impact of over-ordering or overstocking on waste levels across the Trust, including details of corrective actions taken to minimise waste from excess inventory.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have any internal assessments or audits regarding the impact of over-ordering or overstocking on waste levels across the Trust.

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 EIR request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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