

FOI REF: 25/120

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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 can I request information on each trust scheme in the New Hospital Programme. Please note I am asking for information relating to the main construction of each scheme only.

- 1) **Can you please share a list of all business cases that have been developed for the main scheme.**
 - **Please list all new business cases developed. Please also list different versions of business cases where they have undergone refreshes.**
- 2) **For each business case and business case refresh, please share month and year of submission to DHSC, and month and year of approval if relevant.**
- 3) **For each business case and business case refresh, please share the cost (£) of its development. If held, please share a breakdown of costs involved (for example staff, external consultants etc).**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust received £3.6 million of funding in 2020 and 2021 to develop a strategic outline case (SOC) for the Trust's main construction scheme as part of the Government's Health Infrastructure Plan. This SOC was completed and submitted to NHS England in March 2021 but was never approved. A breakdown of costs involved include £2,910,000 on professional fees for external consultants; £402,000 on project team pay costs; £254,000 on advisory fees; and £31,000 on planning applications.

In 2024/25 the Trust has received an initial allocation of £1.859 million to contribute towards refreshing the SOC. Following DHSC confirmation on the 20th January 2025 that the Trust's scheme will be placed in Wave 3, there are no further funds available to support further development and completion of the SOC and work has been paused. The Trust will no longer be formally submitting a refreshed SOC to DHSC in 2025 as the planned construction start date for the Trust's scheme is too far into the future.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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