

FOI REF: 25/131

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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 you provide me with information on repair backlog mitigations.**

- 1. The total amount your NHS Trust has spent (£) on mitigations for your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in each of the following calendar years:**

### **2019**

2019 figure for investment to reduce high risk backlog only required to report for ERIC from 2022. Total investment to repair backlog for 2019 was £1,952,661.00.

### **2020**

2020 figure for investment to reduce high risk backlog only required to report for ERIC from 2022. Total investment to repair backlog for 2020 was £2,045,413.00.

### **2021**

2021 figure for investment to reduce high risk backlog only required to report for ERIC from 2022. Total investment to repair backlog for 2021 was £16,642,972.00.

### **2022**

2022 total invested to repair high risk backlog £4,748,876.00. Total investment to repair backlog for 2022 was £6,436,102.00.

### **2023**

2023 total invested to repair high risk backlog £10,783,730.00. Total invested to repair backlog for 2023 was £13,398,552.00.

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**2024**

2024 total invested to repair high risk backlog £4,023,082.00. Total invested to repair backlog for 2024 was £6,705,137.00.

2. The total number of mitigations your NHS trust has put in place to address your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in each of the following calendar years:

To be clear by mitigations in this context, we have assumed these are works the estates team have undertaken as part of their reactive activity. We do not capture data specifically in the way the question is formatted and have therefore provided data from the CAFM system based on the asset database hierarchy.

2019	a)	2,018	b)	10,406
2020	a)	1,667	b)	8,334
2021	a)	1,988	b)	9,937
2022	a)	2,068	b)	10,340
2023	a)	1,902	b)	9,511
2024	a)	1,667	b)	8,349

3. The total amount your NHS Trust has spent (£) on mitigations for your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in areas that were set or are currently set to be demolished in each of the following calendar years:

2019	£0.00
2020	£0.00
2021	£0.00
2022	£0.00
2023	£0.00
2024	£0.00

Over this period, we have only demolished the Burton Unit at Conquest Hospital and Polegate Ward at Eastbourne District General Hospital and no capital was spent on these buildings to address their backlog.

4. The total number of mitigations your NHS trust has put in place to address your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in areas that were set or are currently set to be demolished in each of the following calendar years:

2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0

Please refer to our response in question 3.

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**5. A description of each of the types of mitigations your NHS trust currently has in place to address a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog issues.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust keep an up to date register of backlog maintenance across its estate (both owned and leased) which is reviewed annually. The backlog maintenance is risk assessed (High to Low Risk) and costs are applied to each backlog maintenance item to bring it back to condition B.

The backlog maintenance register helps to inform how allocated capital can be spent to best address those backlog maintenance items with the highest risk factor. We work closely with our Specialist Advisors Mott Macdonald to prioritise expenditure ensuring we focus on the highest risk items.

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.

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