

FOI REF: 25/203

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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:

**I am seeking to get some information with regards to the workings of the Pathology Laboratories within your organisation. Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information. Please can you respond at your earliest convenience with any information you are able to share?**

**1. What hospitals are a part of your Trust / Health Board?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust is an integrated Trust providing acute and community services. The Trust provides services from two acute hospital sites at Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest Hospital and three community hospital sites at Bexhill Hospital and Rye, Winchelsea and District Memorial Hospital and Uckfield Community Hospital.

**2. Do any of these have Pathology Labs and if so which?**

Yes, Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest hospital.

**3. Which of the National Pathology Networks do you belong to?**

Sussex Pathology Network (S7).

**4. Do you partner with any other Labs to work collectively?**

Yes.

**5. What Laboratory Information Management systems (LIMS / LIS) do you use?**

iLaboratory (APEX).

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**6. Do you have a Single instance /Pathology Network Wide LIS / LIMS solution?**

Not yet. Programme in place to deliver this, currently in implementation.

**7. When is the contract for your LIS / LIMS due to run out?**

October 2025.

**8. Do you have a Blood Transfusion Laboratory at any of your locations and if so which?**

Yes, Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest hospital.

**9. Do you have an Electronic Blood Tracking solution?**

Yes, Msoft.

**10. Do you have a dedicated Transfusion Lab LIS / LIMS and if so which?**

No.

**11. Do you have anyone leading on Digital Transformation projects and if so who (if not able to state a name, what is their Role / Job title)?**

Head of programme across Sussex Pathology, SRO for Sussex Pathology Network.

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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Yours sincerely

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