

FOI REF: 25/237

24th April 2025**Eastbourne District General Hospital**Kings Drive
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Website: www.esht.nhs.uk**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:

1. **Do you currently use an insourcing provider for Orthopaedics if yes what company?**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have an insourcing provider for Orthopaedics.](#)

If yes, can you confirm how this was procured and the current cost for this service since the 1st January 2025?

[Not applicable.](#)

2. **How many patients does the trust have on their Trauma & Orthopaedic waiting list for the below Orthopaedic Sub-Specialties?**

[Please note that the waiting list isn't split by sub-specialty, but we are able to make estimations via the Consultant they are under. Please see information below:](#)

Foot & Ankle	511
Hip & Knee	865 Please note that it is not possible to breakdown how many of these are soft tissue knee.
Soft Tissue Knee	Please see above.
Upper Limb	1092
Spine	650

3. **Please can you provide the following names and email addresses:**

Divisional Director for Trauma and Orthopaedics?

[Nadia Cruddis](#)
[Divisional Director of Operations](#)
[Diagnostics, Anaesthetics & Surgery](#)

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Service Manager for Trauma and Orthopaedics?

Jan Edmonson
Service Manager
Trauma & Orthopaedics

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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