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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 provide data for the amount of:

a) Medical equipment that your Trust recycled between 2019-2024

As a trust we dispose of working medical equipment which has been replaced due to obsolescence / age via our contracted resale partner 'British Medical Auctions' – damaged / unworking medical devices are disposed of via WEEE regulations.

As we register all reusable medical devices, we report that between 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2024: 19,383 medical devices were disposed or for either resale / WEEE recycling.

b) Single use medical equipment that your Trust threw away between 2019-2024

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not record this information and so is unable to answer this question.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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