

FOI REF: 25/284

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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:

FOI NHS estate capital investment plan questions

1. What are your Trust's capital investment priorities over the next five years?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's New Hospital Programme has been moved out to beyond 2037, as a result our priority over the next 5 years is to address our Critical Infrastructure Backlog.

2. How much capital funding has the Trust been allocated for estates development this financial year (2025/26), or (where unknown) how much is the Trust expecting to be allocated?

The Trust is in the process of finalising the capital plan and allocations for 2025/26.

3. Are there any confirmed or proposed capital investment projects at your Trust relating to new healthcare facilities, such as new hospital buildings, Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs), surgical hubs, new wards, theatres, pathology labs, or aseptic units? If so, please provide details, including the nature of these plans, current stage of planning, whether a construction partner has yet been contracted, project scopes, estimated costs, timelines, and contact details for the project's Senior Responsible Officer (where available).

The Trust is due to take possession of the newly constructed Sussex Surgical Centre by the end of May 2025. We are currently part way through the internal construction and fit out works for a new Endoscopy unit which will occupy the first-floor space of the Sussex Surgical Centre building. At this moment in time there are no further plans to construct any additional new facilities.

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4. If there are any current OPEN procurement opportunities (e.g. expressions of interest or opportunity notices) related to construction projects at your Trust, please provide links to the tender notices where available, and contact details for the relevant department or individual(s) responsible for these projects?

- Notices can be found on the Find a Tender service <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Search> - currently there are none.
- Procurement
esht.procurement@nhs.net

5. Who within the Trust is responsible for overseeing estates development and capital projects (e.g. Director of Estates)? Please provide name and contact details where possible.

Chris Hodgson
Director of Estates & Facilities

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.

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Yours sincerely

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