FOI REF: 25/402

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# **Section 17 Notice of Refusal**

#### 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. Please send me a copy of the Audited Accounts for years 2024-25.

Pete Palmer has previously responded to your request, advising that the audited accounts will be made publicly available on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's website one week prior to our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is due to take place on **23**<sup>rd</sup> **September 2025** and that he will send you a copy of the audited accounts once they become available.

Under Section 14(2) of the Act, a public authority does not have to comply with a request which is identical, or substantially similar to a previous request submitted by the same individual. We will not respond to any further requests for a copy of our Audited Accounts from you.

### 2. Please send me the names and address of NHS Hospital in Great Yarmouth.

We do not hold this information. East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust will only respond to FOIA requests about our organisation. Should you require information about other NHS Trusts then please write to their FOIA teams or contact NHS England, contact details as follows:

## england.contactus@nhs.net

We have previously responded to you in response to earlier FOIA requests asking for information about other Trusts. Under Section 14(2) of the Act, a public authority does not have to comply with a request which is identical, or substantially similar to a previous request submitted by the same individual. We will not respond to any further requests for information about other NHS organisations from you.

### 3. Please send me the names and address of the NHS Hospital in Isle of Wight.

Please refer to question 2 above.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust have received multiple requests in the past from yourself asking for the same information. We are therefore applying Section 14(1) to your requests.

Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious. The ICO guidance, <a href="Vexatious and repeated requests">Vexatious and repeated requests</a> | ICO (attached), recognises that unreasonable requests can strain resources and get in the way of delivering mainstream services or answering legitimate requests.

We will, therefore, not respond to any repeated requests for information from you.

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 (<u>eshtr.foi@nhs.net</u>), 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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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