

FOI REF: 25/423

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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 wish to make a freedom of information request and would be grateful if you could provide the following information within 20 working days:

- a) **The number of staff employed at your Trust's sexual assault referral centre (SARC) for the years 2010 - 2024.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) does not have a SARC within our Trust. SARCs can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/sexual-health-services/find-a-rape-and-sexual-assault-referral-centre>

- b) **The number of children aged under 18 years old who have been received support by your Trust's SARC between the years 2010 - 2024 and, if possible, the number of these who are identified as having been victims of gang-based CSE.**

Not applicable, please refer to a) above.

- c) **The number of victims of CSE who received mental health support from your trust between 2018 and 2024.**

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:

spft.foi@nhs.net

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d) The number of children identified by your Trust as requiring safeguarding measures as a result of CSE between the years 2010 and 2024.

Please see the table below for the number of children identified by the Trust as requiring safeguarding measures.

Please note that children will present for other reasons such as injury or self-harm and exploitation is not always explicit.

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| 2017 | 3 |
| 2018 | 6 |
| 2019 | 1 |
| 2020 | 6 |
| 2021 | 5 |
| 2022 | 4 |
| 2023 | 6 |
| 2024 | 5 |

Please note, we do not hold this data prior to 2017.

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
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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