

FOI REF: 25/441

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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:

**When this trust receives a FOI request which concerns the company Palantir:**

**(1) Does the trust consult Palantir over the FOI request? Please**

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) processes all FOI requests in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000; the legislation does not require public authorities to consult with any contractor/service provider whose service, product or activity may be the subject of an FOI made of the Trust as the legislation relates to information held by the requested public authority, not the contractor/service provider. If a requestor requires details of information held by Palantir they would be directed to make an FOI to Palantir directly.

**(a) describe any agreements in place**

Not applicable.

**(b) provide copies of any agreements in place**

Not applicable.

**(c) provide any guidelines/guidance on when this trust has to consult Palantir over FOI requests.**

Please refer to question 1 above. For further reading, please see the following: [Freedom of information guidance and resources](#) | [ICO](#).

**(2) Does the trust show/share copies of the FOI requests with Palantir?**

Please refer to questions 1 and 1c above.

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**(a) describe this process if this exists**

Not applicable.

**(b) provide copies of FOI requests that have been shown to/shared with Palantir.**

Not applicable.

**(3) If this trust consults/shares requests with Palantir, please provide copies of their feedback/input to the FOI requests.**

Not applicable.

**(4) Lastly - and more generally - when this trust receives a FOI request, does it share the request with a unit within the NHS which acts as a 'clearing house' and provides advice on how trusts should handle such a request?**

No, ESHT has a dedicated FOI Team who receive, log, process and respond to FOIs in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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](mailto: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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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