

FOI REF: 25/481

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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 am writing to request the following information regarding the use of larval therapy (maggot therapy) within your Trust:**

- The total number of larval therapy treatments administered by your Trust for each year from January 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2024 (or most recent full year available).**

Please see below for the number of larval therapy treatments administered by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust during the period requested:

| Year | Number of Admissions |
|------|----------------------|
| 2020 | 3                    |
| 2021 | 1                    |
| 2022 | 1                    |
| 2023 | 1                    |
| 2024 | 1                    |

- The total annual spend by your Trust on larval therapy products/treatments for each of the above years.**

| Year | Inpatient Episode Total Cost |
|------|------------------------------|
| 2020 | £41,775                      |
| 2021 | £3,154                       |
| 2022 | £10,265                      |
| 2023 | £15,479                      |
| 2024 | £36,420                      |

This is the total cost of inpatient episodes which contain OPCS codes S58. These costs represent the total cost of care and any treatment of the patient including the larval treatment during each inpatient episode.

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3. If available, the clinical settings in which larval therapy is most commonly used (e.g., inpatient wards, community nursing, outpatient clinics).

All treatments were provided in inpatient wards.

**Please provide this information in a tabular format if possible**

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:

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Yours sincerely

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