

FOI REF: 25/482

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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:

**1. How much money did your trust spent on maintenance of electrical equipment in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the amount spent on maintenance of electrical equipment. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of approximately 3,000 transactions per month, 36,000 per year, which we estimate would take months to extract. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

**2. How many power failures have you experienced since 1 Jan 2020? What was the cause?**

There have been two power failures during the period requested; a major power failure at Bexhill caused by a faulty low voltage switchboard component and the second was due to a leak in a shower which shorted out a section of Busbar in the Sussex Premier Health unit at Conquest Hospital.

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3. How many hours of downtime due to electrical failure have been lost in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020?

None.

4. How many appointments have been cancelled due to electrical failures in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020?

We do not code appointments that have been cancelled due to electrical failures, therefore we do not hold this information.

5. How many operations have been cancelled due to electrical failures in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020?

We do not code operations that have been cancelled due to electrical failures, therefore we do not hold this information.

6. Have you received funding to repair, replace or upgrade electrical equipment? How much and from whom?

No.

7. If yes, where has this funding been spent?

Not applicable.

8. Will you receive funding from the Estate Safety fund?

No, not at this time.

9. How much have you invested in digital solutions for ongoing asset maintenance?

Approximately £62.5k on an annual basis for licences and support.

10. How many assets can be monitored remotely?

None.

11. When did you last update your single line diagram?

Conquest Hospital, Hastings  
Bexhill Hospital  
Eastbourne District General Hospital

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**12. How many electrical assets are you responsible for maintaining?**

- 3 x RMU's
- 13 x Transformers
- 41 x Switches
- 2 x Tripping battery(s) inclusive of charger
- 7 x IDMT
- 2 x Voltage relay

**13. What percentage of your electrical maintenance activity is driven by the need to fix issues rather than preventative measures?**

60% fix, 40% PPM.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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