

FOI REF: 25/532

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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. **Please disclose any correspondence received by your organisation (including by your chief executive) in the last 6 months from NHSE regarding**
  - (i) **uniform policy**
  - (ii) **use of political symbols by NHS staff.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has not received any correspondence from the NHSE regarding the above.

2. **Please disclose any new uniform policy for your organisation from the last 6 months, including policies which are in draft and not yet published or implemented.**

The Trust's current 'Dress Code and Uniform Policy' was issued April 2020 and is due to be reviewed in March 2026.

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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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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