

FOI REF: 25/533

26th August 2025**Eastbourne District General Hospital**Kings Drive
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Website: www.esht.nhs.uk**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 can you specify whether one or two nursing staff are involved in doing the drug round for Intravenous and Controlled drugs to patients in your Geriatric and Old People's Medicine wards?**

Two trained nurses are involved in intravenous and controlled medications.

- 2. Please can you specify whether one or two nursing staff are involved in doing the drug round for Oral medication to patients in your Geriatric and Old People's Medicine wards?**

One trained nurse is involved in oral medications (unless a controlled medication).

- 3. How many Near Miss Incidents have occurred regarding overdosing of Oral medication in your Geriatric and Old People's Medicine Wards in 2025 and each of the previous 3 years?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record Near Miss Incidents that have occurred regarding overdosing of Oral medication in Geriatric and Old People's Medicine Wards. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of patients' notes and incidents over the 3 years, on multiple systems, which we estimate would take in excess of 18 hours. 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.

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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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