



# East Sussex Healthcare

NHS Trust

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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 would like to request the following information regarding the destruction of medication by your NHS Trust.**

- 1. The total weight (kg) of all medication destroyed by the trust in each calendar year from 1 January 2022 to the present date. If available, please also provide the corresponding monetary value (£).**
- 2. A breakdown of the total amount destroyed (by weight and/or monetary value) by specific medication name. For example, the total weight and/or monetary value of "Medication X" destroyed. If a breakdown by name is not possible, please provide a breakdown by medication type (e.g., controlled drugs, chemotherapy drugs, antibiotics, antidepressants, painkillers, insulin, and vaccines) for the same period.**
- 3. The reasons for the destruction of the medication (e.g., expired, recalled, damaged, etc.) for the same period, if this data is held and can be provided without exceeding the cost and time limits.**

[We do not hold this information as this is not recorded.](#)

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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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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