

FOI REF: 25/670

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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 obtain the following information:

- 1. The number of miscarried babies that were reported as discarded, lost, or contaminated in the East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust for the past five years.**
- 2. A breakdown of these incidents by year**
- 3. A breakdown of any costs due to these incidents**
- 4. A breakdown of hours spent by NHS workers either attempting to find or reporting or spending time on these incidents**

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Under FOIA Section 38(2) the Trust neither confirm nor deny it holds the information requested.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

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.

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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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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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