

FOI REF: 25/746

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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:

Under the Freedom of Information act please can I request the following information:

1. Contact name for the doctor mess within the trust

The mess presidents are responsible for the doctor's mess within the Trust.

I can confirm that we hold the mess president's names, but this information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information of third parties. This is because disclosure of this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

However, the Lead Consultant who has overall responsibility for the mess presidents of each site are, Dr Fraser Wiggins - Conquest Hospital, and Dr Simon Walton - Eastbourne District General Hospital.

2. Contact email for the doctor mess within the trust

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

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The contact number for the Trust is accessible on the Trust's website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

3. Postal address for the doctors mess within the trust

Section 44 applied, please see above.

However, we can confirm that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's registered address is St Annes House, Conquest Hospital, The Ridge, Hastings, St Leonards, TN37 7PT.

4. Contact name for the nurses mess within the trust

There is no mess for the nurses within the Trust.

5 Contact email for the nurses mess within the trust

Not applicable.

6. Postal address for the nurses mess within the trust

Not applicable.

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
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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