

FOI REF: 25/764

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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:-

- 1. Any document which details how the vacancy rate at Eastbourne DGH has changed over the last 12 months. Ideally, I would like to see figures for each month?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not record this information broken down by Hospital site. However, we have provided the vacancy rate for the Trust, for the last 12 months, in the table below:

Month	Vacancy Rate
Nov-24	2.5%
Dec-24	2.3%
Jan-25	2.1%
Feb-25	0.6%
Mar-25	1.3%
Apr-25	2.1%
May-25	2.8%
Jun-25	3.2%
Jul-25	3.8%
Aug-25	3.6%
Sep-25	3.6%
Oct-25	3.2%

- 2. Any document that details how many patients are receiving or have received treatment at the Sussex Surgical Centre.**

The Sussex Surgical Centre opened on 11th September 2025. As at 4th November 2025, the number of patients who had received treatment at the Sussex Surgical Centre was 388.

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3. **Any document that outlines how the Sussex Surgical Centre will impact on the rest of the hospital in Eastbourne. Is there a cost analysis in terms of savings made by cutting down waiting times for treatments against the cost of running the unit?**

There is no document that outlines how the Sussex Surgical Centre will impact on the rest of Eastbourne District General Hospital. There is no cost analysis relating to the information that you have requested.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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