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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:

- 1) **How many patients are currently on the NHS waiting list within your trust by hospital who have been diagnosed with:**
 - a) **Benign prostatic hyperplasia (ICD-10 code N40X - Hyperplasia of prostate)**
 - b) **Please confirm which date the statistics were gathered.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record this information. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of all the free texts on the system which we estimate would take over 18 hours to review. 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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2) How many patients have you treated within your trust by hospital in the last 12 months (latest 12 month period you have) with:

a) Benign prostatic hyperplasia (ICD-10 code N40X)

b) Please confirm which date range that the data covers.

[Section 12 applied, please see response for Q1.](#)

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
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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