

FOI REF: 25/773

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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 do you treat in your Private Patient Unit(s), on an annual basis (latest 12 month period you have) with:

a) Benign prostatic hyperplasia (ICD-10 code N40.X - Hyperplasia of prostate).

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**b) Please provide the date range of the data provided.
Please provide data for each PPU separately if you have more than one.**

1 Patient in April 2024, 1 Patient who was discharged in August and October 2024 and another patient in September 2025.

2) How much is your Private Patient Unit paid by insurers for H4685 - Insertion of biodegradable perirectal spacer under image guidance?

a) Please provide the range or average amounts if specific insurer-by-insurer breakdown is not possible.

b) Please confirm if it includes implant or if that is paid separately.

c) If the implant is paid separately, please provide that cost also.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust do not undertake this procedure and therefore cannot give pricing.

3) If the patient is self-pay, what is the charge to the patient, based on an average stay?

a) Please provide a breakdown of the charges.

Not applicable, please see response to Q2.

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4) Please provide a full list of your self-pay prices.

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

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.

We have concluded that by sharing the pricing detail could cause harm to the Trust by encouraging price matching / fixing in hospital businesses, losing market integrity.

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.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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