



**East Sussex Healthcare**  
NHS Trust

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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:

**What was the total cost of specialling at your Trust for the last financial year (or a recent 3-month period)? "Specialling" refers to 1-1 nursing observation and support, typically done by agency and/or bank nursing staff.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Spend on Specialling from April 2024 to March 2025 = £857,580.

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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely

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