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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information from your NHS trust regarding expenditure relating to dermatology services, including where dermatology is recorded either as a standalone specialty or as part of a broader aggregated category.

**1. Total Spending**

Please provide the Trust's annual expenditure for each of the financial years from April 2018 (FY 2018/19) to the most recent financial year available for the following categories, where the expenditure relates in full or in part to dermatology services:

**a. Total spend (£) on Waiting List Initiatives (WLIs)**

Financial Year 2018/19	Financial Year 2019/20	Financial Year 2020/21	Financial Year 2021/22	Financial Year 2022/23	Financial Year 2023/24	Financial Year 2024/25
£22,734	£6,864	£9,618	£17,578	£14,840	£11,615	£14,145

**b. Total spend (£) on insourcing**

£0.

**c. Total spend (£) on outsourcing**

Financial Year 2018/19	Financial Year 2019/20	Financial Year 2020/21	Financial Year 2021/22	Financial Year 2022/23	Financial Year 2023/24	Financial Year 2024/25
£56,600	£454,340	£518,920	£616,149	£906,374	£1,287,763	£1,560,346

Where dermatology expenditure is not held separately, please provide figures for any broader specialty, service line, cost centre, programme, or contract that includes dermatology activity (for example, but not limited to, medical specialties,

elective recovery programmes, clinical outsourcing, or independent sector provision), and indicate how dermatology is included within that category.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes expenditure on dermatology services delivered by independent sector, private, third-party, or digital providers, whether delivered in person or remotely regardless of how such expenditure is categorised internally.

## 2. Contract information

As of 30th January 2026, please confirm:

- a. **Whether the Trust has any active (live) insourcing contracts in place relating to dermatology services.**

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have any live insourcing contracts in place, relating to dermatology services.

If yes, for each contract please specify:

- i **Name of the insourcing supplier**
- ii **Contract end date**
- iii **Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26**
- iv **Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25**

Not applicable.

- b. **Whether the Trust has any active (live) outsourcing contracts in place relating to dermatology services.**

If yes, for each contract please specify:

- i **Name of the outsourcing supplier**
- ii **Contract end date**
- iii **Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26**
- iv **Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25**

Not applicable.

- c. **Whether the Trust has any active (live) contracts for teledermatology services in place (including advice and guidance or digital dermatology services).**

**If yes, please provide:**

- i Name of the outsourcing supplier**
- ii Contract end date**
- iii Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26**
- iv Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25**

**Not applicable.**

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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