

FOI Ref: 26/182

7th April 2026

Eastbourne District General Hospital

Kings Drive
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 2UD

Tel: 0300 131 4500
Website: www.esht.nhs.uk

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:

1. For years:

2024/25
2023/24
2022/23
2021/22
2020/21
2019/20

How many patient safety incidents met the requirements for the statutory duty of candour? ANSWER: a number - e.g. 10... for each of the 6 years requested.

Please see below the number of patient safety incidents that met the requirements as above as of 19th March:

2024/25 = 145
2023/24 = 129
2022/23 = 160
2021/22 = 145
2020/21 = 122
2019/20 = 167

2. Across your surgical teams, do you have any surgeons that are currently internally suspended from carrying out their duties at your Trust? ANSWER: yes OR no

No.

3. If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did you inform the GMC or is it an internal matter? ANSWER: GMC involved OR handled internally

Not applicable.

4. If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did the RCS provide a report/advice/support in any capacity. ANSWER: yes OR no

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 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

Freedom of Information (FOI) Team
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
0300 131 4716
Core Hours of Business: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm