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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:

- 1) **How many mortuaries are operated by your Trust? (if none, please respond 'none')**

Two.

- 2) **For each mortuary your Trust operates, please provide:**

- a) **The name of the mortuary.**

Eastbourne Mortuary (located at Eastbourne District General Hospital).

Conquest Mortuary (located at Conquest Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea).

- b) **The total number of admissions per year, for the years 2020-2025.**

Year	Number of Mortuary Admissions
2020	2,966
2021	3,123
2022	3,090
2023	3,101
2024	3,041
2025	2,864

- c) **The total number of autopsies per year, for the years 2020-2025.**

Year	Number of Autopsies
2020	642
2021	586
2022	661
2023	806
2024	762
2025	585

- d) **The types of autopsy completed (e.g. consented hospital coroners, community coroners, paediatric, forensic, category 3 high-risk).**

Hospital coroners, community coroners, forensic and category 3 high-risk.

- e) **The job titles and FTE status for each member of staff employed in the mortuary (please include staff who are based solely in the mortuary, not cross-covering other departments).**

All the roles below are FTE, apart from Anatomical Pathology Technologist, which is 0.96.

Mortuary Orderly x 2.

Trainee Anatomical Pathology Technologist x 4
(1 FTE is currently being covered by a Bank APT until vacancy is filled).

Anatomical Pathology Technologist x 1. (0.96)

Senior Anatomical Pathology Technologist x 1.

Deputy Head of Mortuary & Anatomical Pathology Technologist x 1.

Head Anatomical Pathology Technologist & Mortuary Manager x 1

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

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