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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, are contained within the attached document - 'FOI 26-290 Response'.

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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## NHS Trust details

1. Trust name

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

2. How many clinical trials are being run at your trust currently?

Please include clinical trials currently recruiting or in follow-up

3. Which type of organisation best describes you?

[Acute/General hospital trust](#)

Specialist trust (e.g. tertiary, cancer)

[Community health trust](#)

Mental health trust

Ambulance trust

4. Is your trust a teaching hospital and/or university affiliated?

Yes  No

[University Affiliated](#)

5. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are employed by your trust?

<250

250-999

1000-2999

3000-6999

[7000+](#)

## Demographics

6. What demographic data do you collect for patients being treated at your trust and where is this recorded? (select all that apply)

"EPR" refers to Electronic Patient Record, the digital system used to store patient information. "Fields" refer to structured sections in the EPR for entering specific data (e.g., diagnosis codes). "Elsewhere in the EPR" includes free text entries typed by clinicians and healthcare professionals or documents uploaded to the EPR to provide additional detail.

### Ethnicity

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Preferred language

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Religion or belief

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Sexual orientation

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Sex

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Gender

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Marital status

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Caring responsibilities

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Employment status

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Postcode

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes
- Other hospital system

### Other socioeconomic indicators such as accommodation type or Area Deprivation Index

- Not recorded
- Specific field in the EPR
- Elsewhere in the EPR
- Written/hard copy patient notes

Other hospital system

7. If you selected 'other hospital system' for any of the categories in the previous question, please specify:

8. Where is demographic information sourced from? (select all that apply)

New patient registration form

Existing NHS records

Referral letter

Asking the patient directly

Other (please specify)

9. Is the completeness of this data checked routinely?

Yes

No

Unsure

10. How complete is the data?

<25%

26-50%

51-75%

>75%

Unsure

11. Please provide any additional information/comments about the completeness of this data:

Not applicable.

12. Are you aware of any challenges with the collection of demographic data at your Trust?

No.

### **Clinical trial participation data**

We are looking to understand more about the recording of a patient's clinical trial pathway at NHS trusts and whether this data is routinely audited.

### **Questions about the recording of clinical trial information**

13. Is there a dedicated field in your EPR system that indicates whether a patient was:

"Fields" refer to structured sections in the Electronic Patient Records (EPR) for entering specific data (e.g., diagnosis codes).

Screened for a clinical trial

Yes

No

Unsure

Eligible for a clinical trial

Yes

No

Unsure

Approached about a clinical trial

Yes

No

Unsure

Declined taking part in a clinical trial

Yes

No

Unsure

Recruited for a clinical trial

Yes

No

Unsure

14. If this data is not recorded in a field of the EPR, is this data recorded elsewhere?  
Please respond for each category (screened, eligible, approached, declined, recruited):

No.

15. If a patient is ineligible, not approached or declines clinical trial participation, are the reasons why recorded and if so, where? (select all that apply)

Recorded on trial logs not on EPR.

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Ineligible

Not recorded

Field in the EPR

Elsewhere in the EPR

Written/hard copy patient notes

Other hospital system

Not approached

Not recorded

Field in the EPR

Elsewhere in the EPR

Written/hard copy patient notes

Other hospital system

Declines participation

Not recorded

Field in the EPR

Elsewhere in the EPR

Written/hard copy patient notes

Other hospital system

16. If you selected 'other hospital system' for any of the categories in the previous question, please specify:

Not applicable.

### Questions about your internal audit processes

17. Does your trust conduct central audits regarding trial participation at your site?

Yes

No

Unsure

18. Do any departments in your trust conduct internal audits regarding trial participation?

Yes

No

Unsure

19. Please provide any additional information on audit activity including how often they are/have been conducted:

Not currently audited.

20. Are trial participation rates reviewed in relation to particular demographics, such as ethnicity, sex or age?

Yes

No

Unsure

21. Are you aware of any barriers to trial participation for any underserved groups at your trust?

No.

"Underserved groups" refers to a group of people who face systemic barriers to accessing or receiving quality healthcare and other services, such as clinical trial participation. They are underserved due to factors like ethnicity, geographic location, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, income, or language, which may result in reduced access and poorer health outcomes.