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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:

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

1. Please confirm whether your Trust has

(i) adopted or intends to adopt, or

Yes. East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) has adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

(ii) has formally decided not to adopt, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's ('IHRA') definition of Antisemitism.

Not applicable; see response above.

Please provide the body (e.g. Board or named committee) which has made that decision and the date of that decision.

The decision to formally adopt the IHRA's definition of antisemitism was made by ESHT's Executive Team on 30 June 2026 after a number of years of informal adoption as part of our Equalities and Inclusivity workstreams.

2. Please provide:

a. the email address of your Trust's Chief Executive Officer (or alternatively, the appropriate email address of the office of the Chief Executive Officer), and

We are unable to provide the direct contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

However, we can confirm the main contact telephone number for ESHT is 0300 131 4500.

- b. the email address to be used for service of legal correspondence and proceedings on your Trust (e.g. the legal team's email address).**

ESHT's Legal Team does not have a public-facing email address. All correspondence relating to legal matters should be submitted by post to:

Legal Department
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Bexhill Health Centre
Holliers Hill
Bexhill-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN40 2DZ

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
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Core Hours of Business: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm