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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:

For the attention of:

- **The officer with responsibility for the management of privately owned residential empty properties; and**
- **Any other officer or team with responsibility for private residential empty homes.**

In questions 1 and 2 you refer to 'the Council' and you ask for information regarding privately owned residential properties / homes. It appears that your request should be directed to East Sussex County Council rather than to East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. The link to the Council's Freedom of Information Request page is below:

[Freedom of Information requests | East Sussex County Council](#)

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1) Use of External Property Tracing Services:

Please confirm whether the Council currently engages, or has engaged within the last three years, any external organisation to assist in identifying, tracing, or locating the owners of privately owned residential properties that are empty, or suspected to be empty.

If so, please provide:

- **The name of each organisation engaged.**
- **The nature of the services provided; and**
- **The dates during which those services were used.**

[Not applicable.](#)

2) Responsible Officers and Teams:

Please provide the following details for the officer(s) and/or team responsible for the Council's work relating to privately owned residential empty homes:

- **Name:**
- **Job title:**
- **Email address:**
- **Direct telephone number:**

Where individual contact details are exempt from disclosure, please provide the relevant team contact details instead.

[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

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