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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 instances have there been of employees wrongfully accessing the records of patients in each of the following years?

The data below is based on the number of cases identified by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's (ESHT) Information Governance Team:

a)	2021/22	21
b)	2022/23	21
c)	2023/24	8
d)	2024/25	19
e)	2025/26	22

2) How many of the instances listed in answers 1a to 1e were subject to an internal investigation by the Trust? Please give numbers for each year.

The data below is based on the number of investigations carried out by ESHT's HR Team:

2021/22	18
2022/23	14
2023/24	6
2024/25	22
2025/26	13

- 3) **How many of the instances listed in answers 1a to 1e resulted in staff being disciplined? Please give numbers for each year.**

The data below is based on the number of investigations carried out by ESHT's HR Team, as per question 2:

2021/22	18
2022/23	14
2023/24	5 *
2024/25	22
2025/26	12 *

* Resignation before process concluded.

- 4) **How many of the instances listed in answers 1a to 1e were reported to the Information Commissioner's Office? Please give numbers for each year.**

2021/22	2
2022/23	1
2023/24	0
2024/25	2
2025/26	0

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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