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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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to aquariums and aquatic displays within your Trust.

1. Existing Aquariums

Please confirm whether the Trust currently owns or operates any ornamental aquarium(s) or aquatic displays.

[No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust \(ESHT\) does not own or operate any aquariums or aquatic displays.](#)

If yes, please provide:

- **The number of aquariums currently in operation.**
- **Their general location (e.g. reception, children's ward, outpatient department, waiting area).**
- **The approximate year each aquarium was installed.**

[Not applicable.](#)

2. Installation Supplier

- **For each aquarium, please provide:**
- **The company that supplied and/or installed the aquarium.**
- **Whether the installation was procured via a tender or procurement framework or a direct award (and, if applicable, the name of the framework).**

[Not applicable.](#)

3. Maintenance

Please confirm:

Whether aquarium maintenance is carried out in-house or by an external contractor.

Not applicable.

- **If externally maintained:**
- **Name of the contractor.**
- **Contract start date.**
- **Contract expiry or renewal date.**
- **Approximate annual contract value.**

Not applicable.

4. Future Projects

Please confirm whether the Trust currently has any plans, approved projects or budget allocations for new aquarium installations, replacements or refurbishments within the next 24 months.

ESHT currently has no plans for aquarium installations.

5. Procurement

Please provide:

- **The department responsible for procuring aquarium installations and maintenance.**
- **The job title of the person or team responsible.**

Not applicable, ESHT has no aquariums or plans for any new aquariums to be installed.

6. Expenditure

Please provide, where available:

- **Total expenditure on aquarium installations over the previous five financial years.**
- **Annual expenditure on aquarium maintenance for each of the previous five financial years.**

Not applicable.

7. Supporting Documentation

Please provide copies of any business cases, reports, evaluations or studies relating to the installation of aquariums, including any documents discussing patient wellbeing, staff wellbeing, visitor experience or therapeutic benefits.

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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