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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:

Please could you provide the following details:

1) Future Projects:

Does the Trust have any planned, proposed, or upcoming projects across any of its sites that involve:

- a) Replacement of water softener systems?
- b) Replacement of reverse osmosis (RO) systems?
- c) Replacement of pure water systems (including deionised or purified water systems)?
- d) Replacement of secondary dosing or Copper Silver units?

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust \(ESHT\) does not have any planned, proposed or upcoming projects relating to the systems / units specified in questions 1a to 1d.](#)

For each relevant project, could you please provide:

- e) The site/location.
- f) A brief description of the planned works.
- g) The anticipated timeline (e.g., planned start date, expected procurement period).
- h) Whether the project is currently in planning, approval, tendering, or active procurement stage.

[Not applicable.](#)

2) Procurement Information:

If applicable, please also confirm:

- a) Whether the Trust intends to publish any related tenders on procurement portals (e.g., Contracts Finder, Find a Tender, or local procurement systems).

[Not applicable.](#)

b) The name and contact details of the department or team responsible for water treatment infrastructure projects.

The person responsible for ESHT's water treatment infrastructure projects is Mark Young (Director of Estates & Facilities).

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.

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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