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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:

I am seeking the following information based on the most recent information held by the Trust:

- 1) The Trust's five specialties/treatment functions with the largest elective waiting lists, showing for each:**
 - a) Specialty/treatment function**
 - b) Number of patients waiting**
 - c) Number waiting over 52 weeks**
 - d) Number waiting over 65 weeks**
 - e) Number waiting over 78 weeks**

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

[Statistics » Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times Data 2026-27](#)

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

- 2) For each of these five areas, please provide the recorded job title of the person responsible for the waiting-list/elective recovery programme or equivalent.**

[Head of Elective Ops & Delivery.](#)

- 3) Please provide the name and exact job title of the Trust's:**

- a) Chief Operating Officer**

[Charlotte O'Brien](#)

b) Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Andy Bailey

c) Director of Operations

Not applicable at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT).

4) Please provide the recorded job title of the person or role with responsibility for approving additional elective capacity, including insourcing or outsourcing, where this is held by the Trust.

- Chief Operating Officer
- Head of Procurement
- Income Manager - Contracting and Income

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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