



**East Sussex Healthcare**  
NHS Trust

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**Via email to:** [request-632455-6fdbdd57@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-632455-6fdbdd57@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Mr Evans

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**This request relates to UK Environmental Legislation, specifically Air Conditioning Inspection Reporting, which is mandatory for UK hospital buildings which are air conditioned above a statutory minimum size.**

**Q. How many buildings do you occupy which have air conditioning. Provide building names.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust are responsible for four properties which we carry out TM44 inspections for. These are:

- Conquest Hospital – Hastings, TN37 7RD
- Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH) – Eastbourne, BN21 2UD
- Bexhill Hospital – Bexhill, TN40 2DZ
- Bexhill Irvine Unit – Bexhill, TN40 2DZ

**Q. Who is the responsible person for ensuring that your buildings are legally compliant on this mandatory environmental matter? Provide the name, position, address, email address and direct telephone number of the responsible person.**

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**Q. All reports are mandatorily lodged on a Government database. No reports are currently lodged or are out of date, you are therefore non-compliant. Has your Trust Board been made aware of this breach?**

Reports are lodged but, in one case, they were put under the wrong postcode. Details below:

- Conquest Hospital – lodged under postcode TN37 7PT – valid until Jan 29
- EDGH – lodged under postcode BN21 2UD – expired Dec 19 (renewal already under way, awaiting site visit date)
- Bexhill Hospital – lodged under postcode TN40 2DZ – expired Jan 20 (renewal already under way, awaiting site visit date)
- Bexhill Irvine Unit – lodged under postcode TN40 2DZ – expired Jan 20 (renewal already under way, awaiting site visit date)

Trust Board not informed as we are already underway with the renewal work and this should be complete this month.

**Q. Provide the name and email address of the ultimate person who has made the decision to ignore this Environmental Legislation.**

As indicated in the above, the Trust has this in hand.

**Q. Provide the name and email address of each Trust Board Member.**

Information about Trust Board Members can be found on the Trust's website <https://www.esht.nhs.uk/about-the-trust/people/>

We are unable to provide the email addresses of Trust Board Members 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.

**Q. If you use a Facilities Management Company to manage compliance, who are they?**

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust ([lynette.wells2@nhs.net](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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