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Our reference: FOI DA6680

We are responding to your request for information received 21st June 2026. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team



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If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Question 1: Please treat this as clarification of the remaining FOI point and, where applicable, as confirmation that any personal-data elements should remain with the Access to Records team copied in.

For the further FOI search, please search for non-personal corporate records, policies, procedures, logs, handover records, incident records, property/belongings handling records and inter-agency communications relating to [REDACTED] for the period 1 January 2024 to 22 June 2026.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please confirm:

1. the FOI reference for the clarified new request;
2. the Access to Records/SAR reference for the personal-data element;
3. whether DA6416 remains closed or partly open pending this clarification;
4. the deadline for response.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

*The Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to search multiple records across multiple systems within multiple departments for the relevant time period. The Trust estimates that it would take more than 18 hours to collate.

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Question 2: The FOI reference for the clarified new request;

Answer: DA6680

Question 3: The Access to Records/SAR reference for the personal-data element;

Answer: SAR 4914

Question 4: Whether DA6416 remains closed or partly open pending this clarification;

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA6416.pdf>

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/DA6416%20Appendix%20One.pdf>

Question 5: The deadline for response.

Answer: Twenty working days and that would be 17th July 2026.



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