

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

## 1. FOI Questions on NHS Infrastructure; Hospital Repairs, Backlog, and Investments (2019-2024)

### 1. Building Age and Infrastructure Risks

1.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many hospital buildings under your Trust were identified as being in urgent need of repair due to their age? Please also include the age of each building.

[Basildon MHU – 1960 - 2000](#)

[Derwent Centre 1960 – 2018](#)

[Landermere Centre 1980's](#)

[Rochford Hospital 1930 – 1990's](#)

[The Lakes 1990's](#)

[Linden Centre 1990's](#)

[Thurrock Hospital site 1890 – 2000's](#)

1.2 For each hospital building under your Trust, what specific infrastructure risks were identified (e.g., structural deficiencies, malfunctioning equipment, fire safety hazards, etc.)?

[Compartmentation](#)

[Fire Doors](#)

1.3 How much funding has been allocated for the maintenance and repair of ageing hospital buildings under your Trust over the past five years?

	19/20 (£000)	20/21 (£000)	21/22 (£000)	22/23 (£000)	23/24 (£000)	24/25 (£000)
Capital development (New builds, Refurbishment, Environmental upgrades) £000	2,734	8,587	6,472	7,607	4,340	1,105
Backlog Maintenance £000	818	2,335	2,152	1,044	902	1,750
Patient Safety £000	2,473	1,072	2,690	1,211	1,364	512

## 2. Annual Backlog of Repairs in NHS Hospitals

2.1 Please provide the total cost of the backlog of repairs for hospitals buildings under your Trust, broken down by year for the period 2019 to 2024.

The spend below includes repair/lifecycle replacement to Category B standard and covers Significant, High, Moderate and Low risk repairs.

	Total Cost
19/20	No data
20/21	£15.2m
21/22	£20.2m
22/23	£35.5m
23/24	£50.8m
24/25	£96.6m

2.2 Could you also break down these costs into the following risk categories, for each year:

- **High Risk and Critical Repairs:**
  - What is the estimated cost to eradicate high-risk backlog maintenance in hospital buildings under your Trust from 2019 to 2024? [The risk to eradicate high-risk backlog maintenance is £0 for all years as per below.](#)

	High Risk
19/20	No data
20/21	£0
21/22	£0
22/23	£0
23/24	£0
24/25	£0

- **Moderate and Low Risk Repairs:**
  - What is the estimated cost to eradicate non-critical repairs in hospital buildings under your Trust for the same period?

	Medium and Low Risk Cost
19/20	No data
20/21	£15.1m
21/22	£20.1m
22/23	£35.5m
23/24	£50.6m
24/25	£65.7m

### 3. Major Infrastructure Failures

3.1 From 2019 to 2024, have there been any significant failures in hospital infrastructure within your Trust, such as structural problems, mechanical breakdowns, fires, etc., related to repair backlogs? Please provide details for each occurrence, including:

- The type of failure (e.g., structural issues, mechanical breakdowns, fires, etc.).
- The date the failure occurred.

None

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## 2. FOI Questions on Waiting Times, Bed/Admission Capacity, Maternity Units, and Mortuary Space (2019-2024)

Please note that Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is a provider of mental health and community services. As such, we do not provide the listed services below. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested.

### 1. Trolley Waits and Corridor Waits

1.1 Could you provide the number of patients who faced "trolley waits" or "corridor waits" due to infrastructure issues in hospitals within your Trust for each year from 2019 to 2024? Please include the numbers for:

- Waits over 4 hours.
- Waits over 12 hours.
- Waits over 24 hours.

1.2 Please provide the average waiting time for these patients each year.

### 2. Admission Capacity and Bed Availability

2.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, what was the average bed occupancy rate across hospitals under your Trust?

- How many days, if any, did hospitals under your Trust reach full bed capacity (100% occupancy)
- each year?

- How many beds were available for admissions in hospitals under your Trust at the end of each year (2019-2024)? Where possible, please break this down by general beds, ICU beds, and A&E beds.
- How many beds were added or removed from hospitals under your Trust during this period?

### **3. Waiting Times for Hospital Treatment**

3.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, what was the total number of patients on waiting lists for hospital treatment, attributed to infrastructure failure in hospitals under your Trust?

3.2 Of these patients, how many waited longer than:

- 18 weeks (NHS target time for non-urgent referrals)?
- 26 weeks?
- 52 weeks?

3.3 Could you provide the average waiting time for elective surgery or hospital treatment for each year from 2019 to 2024, attributed to infrastructure failure in hospitals under your Trust?

### **4. Mortality Due to Delays in Urgent Care**

4.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many deaths were reported in hospitals within your Trust where delays in receiving urgent or emergency care, due to infrastructure failures, were identified as contributing factors?

### **5. Maternity Unit Safety and Condition**

5.1 Could you provide the number of maternity units within your Trust that were considered unsafe or needed urgent repairs each year from 2019 to 2024?

### **6. Mortuary Space and Storage Challenges**

6.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, could you provide the number of instances where mortuary storage capacity in hospitals under your Trust was exceeded?

6.2 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many bodies were reported to have been left in inadequate storage conditions due to insufficient freezer space or other mortuary capacity issues in hospitals under your Trust?

6.3 What is the current storage capacity for bodies in the mortuaries of hospitals under your Trust? (number of spaces available for body storage)?

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