

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-672

Request:

1. Does your trust receive funding from (a) a league of friend's organisation and (b) a formal NHS charity/charity? If so, could you please provide the names of each organisation.
2. Please could you provide the sums raised by
 - a. a league of friend's organisation and
 - b. a formal NHS charity/charity.

Please provide separate figures for each organisation and provide the annual funds raised for the last three full financial years and the first six months 2023/4.
3. Using the same timeframes (the last three full financial years and the first six months of 2023/4), please provide a full breakdown of how funds from each of the organisations was spent. Please make it clear which projects/purchases were funded by each organisation and which purchases/projects were requested specifically by the
 - a. trust/hospital
 - b. NHS charity or league of friends.
4. If the cost limit has not yet been reached, please provide any formal guidelines the trust must follow when it comes to spending funds by either or both organisations. For example, are there any restrictions on spending money on medical equipment, locum staff positions etc.

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1.
 - a. Yes. There are five individual League of Friends for each of the Hospitals forming part of East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust
 - League of Friends Buckland Hospital
 - League of Friends Queen Victoria Hospital
 - League of Friends Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital
 - League of Friends Kent & Canterbury Hospital
 - Friends of William Harvey
 - b. The Trust also has their own charity – East Kent Hospitals Charity (registration 1076555)

2.

	Value of Donations		
	League of Friends	East Kent Hospitals Charity	Total
	£k	£k	£k
2021	468	598	1,065
2022	178	494	672
2023	430	416	846
2024 - YTD	99	48	146

3. Please see attached spreadsheet named 'RF23-672 Response'.
4. All Charities review expenditure bids proposed by the Trust in line with charity Commission guidance HFMA recommendations and their individual charity objectives. Bids are reviewed to ensure they enhance the provision of services and care provided and do not contribute to the provision of core service delivery.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 27 NOVEMBER 2023)