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Russell's Hall Hospital  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
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**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

*The number of incidents where a building or an area of a building was made unsafe, the average length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, and the longest length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, due to faults with the lighting at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023.*

*The number of incidents where a building or an area of a building was made unsafe, the average length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, and the longest length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, due to structural issues with the building at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023.*

*The number of incidents, the average length of time, and the longest length of time a lift at your NHS Trust was not usable, and the number of times a lift being unusable restricted step-free access in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023.*

**Response**

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operates a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract. A PFI is a type of public private partnership (PPP) used to fund major capital investments. The hospital buildings are not owned by the Trust but by Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd who the Trust has the PFI contract with. The contract allows the Trust to use the buildings to provide its clinical services. Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd are responsible for providing all of the estates and facility management services to ensure the buildings are always available for use.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team  
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