

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

EPUT was formed as a merger, between North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, on 1 April 2017.

1. A copy of the merger agreement or other document governing the winding down of these two entities and the transfer of their assets, liabilities, services, staff etc to the newly setup Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.
[The public version of the OBC provide details of both organisations, this has been attached for your information.](#)
2. A copy of the pre-merger catalogue of issues for consideration / discussion (from both sides i.e. both pre-merger trusts).
[EPUT does not hold a list of areas for discussion or issues that needed to be agreed by the two entities prior to the due diligence exercise between the two former Trusts taking place post submission of the Outline Business Case \(OBC\) to Monitor.](#)
3. A list of the external professional advisory services / firms involved in advising about this merger (lawyers, health professionals, corporate finance firms, IT firms, due diligence professionals etc)
[External Professional Advisory Services involved in advising about the merger:](#)
 - [Grant Thornton UK LLP](#)
 - [Hempsons](#)
 - [PricewaterhouseCoopers](#)
4. A schedule of the total costs involved in this merger - from initial scoping stages to the completion of the merger to post merger transition.
[The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act \(Commercial Interests\):](#)

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- (1) [Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret](#)
- (2) [Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person \(including the public authority holding it\)](#)
- (3) [The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1\(1\)\(a\) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection \(2\)](#)

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