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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230418.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

It appears the collaborative working between SECamb and Sussex Police on the Joint Response Unit was stopped by SECamb at the beginning of March 2023. Please provide:

- Rationale as to why the Sussex Joint response Units are no longer operational?

The operating model for this particular unit was not deemed sustainable from a financial and operational perspective. While we're committed to partnership working, we have to ensure that our resources as used to deliver the very best clinical outcomes for our patients.

- Who specifically in the trust made the decision?

The decision was made by the Director and Deputy Director of Operations.

- Have the Sussex Joint Response Units been stopped permanently?

There are currently no plans to re-introduce the unit to Sussex at this time. However, we are committed to partnership working and if there are any future opportunities that will benefit patients, we are happy to engage and review the matter.

- Will the Sussex Joint Response Units be reinstated within six months?

As stated above there are currently no plans to re-introduce a Sussex JRU.

- Any Joint Response Unit review reports, draft or otherwise.

There is no review document for the Sussex JRU.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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