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I am responding to your request for information received 15 February 2021. I am sincerely sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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**Request:**

**Dear FOI (EAST LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST),**

**Thanks very much for providing a response to our FOI request.**

**We requested monthly data for 2018, 2019 and 2020. You provided monthly data for 2018 and 2019 but for 2020 it was given in weeks.**

**We would be very grateful if you could provide the data again for 2020 but giving the \*monthly\* totals instead.**

**Answer:** Please find spreadsheet attached.

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**Original Request:**

Dear East London NHS Foundation Trust,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to receive information relating to the number of patients detained under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020. Although we made a similar request on 24 September 2020, this is a fresh request for a reduced amount of information over a slightly longer time period.

Please can you provide:

**Question 1.** The number of new detentions\* under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures.

**Question 2.** A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:

-For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'

-For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+'

-For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group'

\*Please note regarding (1) above: we are interested in the number of 'new detentions' starting within each month, rather than the total number of 'open detentions' counted within each month. I understand that, as detentions can span a number of months, providing open detentions in the period would be double-counting where detentions span across multiple months. Please could you confirm that you are providing data for new detentions as opposed to open detentions.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:  
*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/FOI/Appendix%20DA3555.xlsx>

On the Trust clinical system, there is not a way to differentiate between those detained in a month and "new" detentions as "detention start date" is taken from the same field.

If you require additional dates to what has already been provided, please do let us know.

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