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I am responding to your request for information received 22 January 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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Request:

Dear East London NHS Foundation Trust,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information relating to your activities with regards to domestic violence.

Could you please tell me:

Question 1. Do you provide access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor?

If yes, do you provide access to an IDAA at every hospital site?

Answer: Staff make referral to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) for an IDAA when concerns of Domestic Abuse is raised to our attention.

Question 2. Do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse?

If yes, do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse at every hospital site?

Answer: The Trust does not employ any specialist nurse to provide DA advice.

All our Named professionals for Safeguarding (Adults and Children) are competent to provide Domestic Abuse advice. The Named professionals cover both inpatient and community services.

**Question 3. Do you have a Domestic Abuse policy?
If yes, please provide a copy.**

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/Policies%20and%20Procedures/Risk%20Management%20Policies/Domestic%20Abuse%20%20and%20Harmful%20Practices%20Policy%20Final%20Jan%202020%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/Policies%20and%20Procedures/Risk%20Management%20Policies/Domestic%20Abuse%20%20and%20Harmful%20Practices%20Policy%20Final%20Jan%202020%20(1).pdf)

Question 4. Do you produce an annual safeguarding report on domestic abuse?

Answer: We produce annual safeguarding reports and a Domestic Abuse is a part of our ongoing work plan.

Question 5. Do you conduct internal audits to ensure compliance to the domestic abuse policy?

Answer: Yes, the safeguarding team carries out random audits of cases to ensure that staff are appropriately identifying and reporting domestic abuse issues.

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Question 6. Have you conducted training for staff on domestic abuse in the last 12 months. If no, in the last 24 months?

Answer: Yes, the Trust has provided Domestic Abuse training and we have also added Domestic Abuse awareness to our Level 3 training.

Question 7. How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) risk assessments were completed by the trust/health board in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Question 8. How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) referrals were made by the trust/health board to a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Answer: Please see table below for Bedfordshire and Luton:

Year	Number of DASH risk assessments
2016	19
2017	15
2018	16
2019	3
2020	17

In London, staff directly refer service users to Hestia for DA support and the DASH risk assessment is completed by Hestia.