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I am responding to your request for information received 9 February 2021. 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:**

**I would also like to know how many people have come to your hospitals' A and E department after swallowing something (an object not intended for eating or drinking) in the most recent 12 month period. Please include the hospitals under your trust which have an A and E department, and ignore those which don't. Please also specify which results come from which hospital. I would like this figure broken down as follows:**

**Question 1. Please provide a list of the top ten objects which people came to A and E having swallowed since January 2020**

**Question 2. Please provide the number of cases with each object**

**Question 3. Please provide the age range of each case too (child or adult) I would like this information on excel spreadsheets. If you need any clarification then please do not hesitate to contact me.**

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

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—*

*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*

*(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health and community health trust and therefore does not hold the information requested.