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I am responding to your request for information received 15 March 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:

Please may I make the following Freedom of Information request of your Trust:

- Question 1.** For the calendar year of 2019, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?
- Question 2.** For the calendar year of 2019, please could you give a breakdown of the individual MRI examinations performed into body part/area? For instance, how many brain scans, spine scans etc. I am happy with whichever body part description is input in the PACS system.
- Question 3.** As of March 1st, 2021, how many MRI requests are on the waiting list waiting to be scanned? Please could I have this broken down into individual body part/examination too (like in question 2)?
- Question 4.** How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2019 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?

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.