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

Dear FOI Officer

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

This request concerns the waiting times and outcomes for adults referred to your eating disorder services

Question 1. Please provide the waiting times in days for each adult patient

- a. urgently**
- b. routinely**

admitted to an in-patient eating disorder service within your trust in each of the following calendar years. Please provide these figures as two separate lists of values in days clearly distinguishing between urgent and routine referrals.

- i. 2017**
- ii. 2018**
- iii. 2019**
- iv. 2020**
- iv. 2021**

Question 2. Please provide the current waiting times in days for each adult patient that has been

- a. urgently**
- b. routinely**

referred to an in-patient eating disorder service within your trust but is waiting to be admitted as of the date of this request or the closest standard data recording date. Please provide these figures as two separate lists of values in days, clearly distinguishing between urgent and routine referrals

Question 3. Please state the number of readmissions of adult eating disorder in-patients within your trust, where they have admitted again to in-patient eating disorder units within a year of being discharged from an in-patient unit in each of the following calendar years.

- i. 2017**
- ii. 2018**
- iii. 2019**
- iv. 2020**
- iv. 2021**

Question 4. If held, please state the number of adult eating disorder patients who were referred to your trust and awaiting admission for in-patient eating disorder treatment that we admitted as emergency patients to a general hospital while on the waiting list before their admission. Please provide information for each of the following calendar years.

- i. 2017**
- ii. 2018**
- iii. 2019**

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- iv. 2020
- iv. 2021

Question 5). a) If held, please state the number of adult eating disorder patients who were referred to your trust and were awaiting admission for in-patient eating disorder treatment who died while on the waiting list.

b) If possible within the cost limit, please state if these persons died as a result of their eating disorder. Please provide information for each of the following calendar years.

- i. 2017
- ii. 2018
- iii. 2019
- iv. 2020
- iv. 2021

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 does not have an in-patient eating disorder service. The information is not held and therefore, not disclosable.