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I am responding to your request for information received 7 July 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:

- Question 1.** The number of eye examinations held in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, broken down quarterly if possible.
- Question 2.** The number of diagnoses of wet and dry macular degeneration, brain tumour(s), and open-angle, angle-closure, and secondary glaucoma which might have been detected by an eye examination in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, broken down quarterly if possible.
- Question 3.** The number of people diagnosed with sight loss, or partial sight loss, or other visual impairment, for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- Question 4.** An estimate of the number of people whose conditions above have become significantly worse because of the lower rates of eye exams during Covid.
- Question 5.** Where this information is held, I would like the above information to be broken down by age range, ethnicity, and gender.

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 conduct eye examinations. We therefore do not hold the information requested.