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I am responding to your request for information received 16 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:

Dear Sir or Madam, I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, the following information for mental health services in East London NHS Foundation Trust.

- Question 1. Please name all mental health wards you are operating. For each ward, please state whether they are low/medium/high secure and to which kind of ward it belongs to out of the following:**
- a. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Wards**
 - b. Adult Mental Health Wards**
 - c. Learning Disabilities Wards**
 - d. Older People's Mental Health Wards**

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/Services?results=true&searchTxt=inpatient>

- Question 2. For each of the identified wards, please state if they have secure outdoor spaces that patients can access and use. To clarify outdoor spaces, I am referring to any outdoor area belonging to ward that can be accessed by its patients. This includes gardens, courtyards or any other similar space.**

Answer: 13 sites, ten in Luton & Bedford and three in London, have secure outdoor space.

- Question 3. If such spaces exist, please provide guidelines that specify the use of secure outdoor spaces. If no guidelines exist, please provide answers to the following questions:**
- a. Can the secure outdoor spaces be used by all patients?**
 - b. How many patients can be in these spaces at the same time?**
 - c. Can all patients freely access these spaces whenever they want or need to?**

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.

The Trust does not have guidelines regarding the use of secure outdoor spaces. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 4. For each of such spaces, please state its size in square meters.

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

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The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 5. If possible, could you also provide the makeup of the outdoor space. This refers to whether the space is concrete or has grassy areas. Please detail which of the two makes up the majority of the outdoor space.

Answer: Luton & Bedford - Onyx/Jade/Coral – all hard standing.

Fountains/Poplars/Willow/Ash/Crystal/Cedar/Townsend Court – all have a mixture of grass area & hard standing, a majority space being grass area.

London - Wolfson/John Howard - Mainly grass and planting, some areas are concreted and paved walk areas.

Mile end - Mainly patio with no grass. There is a garden area that can be freely accessed by patients.

Question 6. Please state if there have been any changes to the use of secure outdoor spaces because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Answer: There have been no changes to use of outdoor spaces

Wherever possible, access to exercise and outdoor space is maintained even when someone is in isolation.