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I am responding to your request for information received 2 November 2021, which you clarified on 9 and 10 November 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 Black patients that have been inpatients at East London Community Mental Health Trust - specifically a locked ward - over the last 10 years.

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 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 does not have “locked wards”. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 2. The number of White patients that have been at East London Community Mental Health Trust - specifically a locked ward - over the last 10 years.

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 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 does not have “locked wards”. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 3. The number of Black patients that have been inpatients at East London Community Mental Health Trust.

Clarification: Yes I am requesting the number of black patients in East London mental health trust over the last 10 years. I.e. from 2011 to 2021

Apologies. The request is for the number of inpatients over the last 10 years.

Answer: Please see table below:

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 to Oct 31st
826	887	945	948	1062	1067	1153	1151	1222	1147	848

Please note, these admissions refer to patients identified as “Black or Black British – African”, “Black or Black British – Caribbean” or “Black or Black British - Any other background”.

Question 4. Details of court proceedings over the last 10 years of discrimination within at East London Community Mental Health Trust against Black inpatients

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does record the ethnicity of patients who have issued court proceedings against staff alleging discrimination. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.