

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 16 November 2021. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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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Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

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Request

Thank you for your response. My query should be applied with reference to inpatients generally. I understand that ELFT provides MH services but is also responsible for the "physical health" of patients, staff, contractors and visitors while they are on their premises.

It is not beyond the realms of possibility that ELFT may have to provide initial/immediate care to a Catastrophic/Critical Haemorrhage incident either deliberate (self harm/assault etc) or accidental (falls/use of equipment etc).

Question 1. The number of instances of critical haemorrhage incidents the Trust dealt with in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 (if financial limits are likely to be hit please contact me before refusal) please include incidents regardless of who they effected (patients, staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors);

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 an incident category regarding "critical haemorrhage" as it is not an acute Trust. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 2. Does ELFT have equipment to deal with critical haemorrhage available in wards and other patient areas? If so can you provide a list of this equipment? By equipment, I mean tourniquets, trauma/Israeli dressings (not first aid/ambulance dressings) and haemostatics;

Answer: The Trust does not have the specific trauma/Israeli dressings or haemostatics to deal with critical haemorrhage available in wards and other patient areas.

Each ward does have a large wound dressing and a tourniquet for cannulation in each Medical Emergency Bag/Trolley.

Question 3. If critical haemorrhage equipment is available, do you ensure staff are trained in its use? If so, which staff is this training accessible to (e.g. registered Health Care Professionals only. All clinical staff to include HCAs/support workers, all staff).

Please only consider this request in relation to Mental Health & Learning Disability Services.

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Original Request

For the purposes of this request a critical haemorrhage incident is defined as:

“A major haemorrhage, normally from an artery, which is likely to result in death within a period of time that may be as short as minutes, because of the rapid internal or external loss of circulating blood volume.”

Please can you supply me with the following:

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