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I am responding to your request for information received 27 December 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ascertain how your Trust acquires and distributes human milk products (also known as “breast milk” or “chest milk” based products, depending on Trust policy).

I would like to know:

Question 1: Does your Trust acquire human milk or human milk-based products for infant or paediatric feeding? If so, how?

For example, your answer may be that your Trust does provide human milk and acquires it from: a human milk bank within your Trust; a human milk bank run outside your Trust; or a private supplier/s.

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 is a mental and community health Trust. The Trust outsources its catering contract which includes purchasing milk products. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 2: Does your Trust have policy on providing human milk to adult patients for their consumption? If so, please can you attach it.

For clarification, we are asking about those adults wishing to have human milk for personal use rather than an adult asking for infant or paediatric feeding. These patients may be seen in departments such as clinical immunology, oncology, or other such departments, not just in nutrition services.

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Question 3a: If your Trust acquires human milk-based products from private suppliers (e.g., companies), can you provide the annual amount spent on these products by your Trust for the past 5 years, if available?

Question 3b: If your Trust does not currently use private suppliers, please can you detail if your trust has been approached by any companies

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to purchase such products for infant, paediatric or adult consumption?

For example, these companies may include NeoKare, NeoLacta, or Prolacta or like that provide human milk-based products. Some of the products they provide to help you include Humavant, PHBM, MMF or the like.

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