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I am responding to your request for information received 31st August 2019. I am sorry for the delay in repsonding to you. 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,

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Information Governance Coordinator

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:

I am writing to ask for:-

1 the number of consultant-led teams, and the number of other teams not led by consultants, in East London NHS Foundation Trust that provide patients referred to those teams with elective non-emergency treatment services for physical or mental illnesses and conditions, funded by NHS commissioning bodies.

2 the number of consultants in each of the two groups of teams, measured in full-time equivalents to provide meaningful data where consultants work part-time in a team.

3 a list of the titles of the teams in each of the two groups separately. (The number of consultants in full-time equivalents for each individual team is not requested.)

The relevant month of the data should be shown and be the most recent month with data available for all teams in the Trust.

The format of the numerical data can be a table with 2 columns and 3 rows of data. The data columns are:- A Number of teams providing elective services , B Number of consultants (full-time equivalents), and the data rows are:- X Consultant-led teams, Y Teams not consultant-led, Z Total.

The relevant definitions of the word "consultant" and phrase "consultant-led" are shown below, and are taken from page 29 of the DHSC document "Referral to treatment consultant-led waiting times Rules Suite".

"Consultant" is defined as "A person contracted by a healthcare provider who has been appointed by a consultant appointment committee. He or she must be a member of a Royal College or Faculty. Consultant-led waiting times exclude non-medical scientists of equivalent standing (to a consultant) within diagnostic departments."

"Consultant-led" is defined as "A consultant retains overall clinical responsibility for the service, team or treatment. The consultant will not necessarily be physically present for each patient's appointment, but he/she takes overall clinical responsibility for patient care. "

Answer:

The Trust does not use a consultant-led model but uses a multi-disciplinary model whereby referrals are sent directly to community mental health teams and not directly to consultants. As the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relates to recorded information, the Trust is therefore unable to provide a response to your request as this information is not held by the Trust.