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I am responding to your request for information received on 3rd January 2019. 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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FOI & Information Governance Officer

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Request:

Question 1. I would like to know the number of patients detained under the Mental Health Act who are reported missing (AWOL) each calendar year by hospitals within the Trust. I would like the information for the calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Answer: Please see table below. Please note absence without leave includes the incidents reported under the following sub categories;

- Failed to return from authorised leave (patients detained under MHA)
- Absented self from escorted leave (patients detained under MHA)
- Escaped/absented self from ward (patients detained under MHA)

Year	No. of Patients
2012	93
2013	112
2014	103
2015	106
2016	178
2017	183
2018	178

Please note that East London NHS Foundation Trust took over the mental health services for Luton and Bedfordshire on 1st April 2015.