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I am responding to your request for information received 13 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  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: A FOI request for the number of patients referred to the East London NHS trust for respiratory problems related to air pollution.**

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.*

The Trust does not record the specific reason, ie “air pollution” in relation to referrals to the asthma team. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

If you would like the number of referrals received to the asthma team, please do let us know.

**Question 2: A FOI request for the number of patients in the specific borough of Newham referred to the East London NHS trust for respiratory problems related to air pollution.**

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

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**Question 3: A FOI request for the number of children in the specific borough of Newham referred to the East London NHS trust for respiratory problems related to air pollution.**

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

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