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**Our reference: FOI DA4147**

I am responding to your request for information received **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**. 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,



Lara Cousens  
Information Governance Manager – Information Rights

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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Wilmslow  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Question 1:** For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total spend on opioid analgesic prescription painkillers for patients currently on a waiting list in your trust awaiting surgery for a joint replacement?

**Question 2:** For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of individuals on a waiting list in your trust who are being prescribed opiate painkillers of all prescription types to manage their pain?

**Question 3:** For each calendar year from 2015, how many individuals are currently on a waiting list within your trust who have been prescribed opioid medications to help manage their pain?

**Question 4:** For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total cost of opioid medicines being prescribed to patients by GPs in your trust?

**Question 5:** For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of people that are currently being prescribed opiate medicines by GPs in your trust?

**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 them.

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health Trust and does not prescribe opiate medicines. Therefore we are unable to provide the information requested.



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