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I am responding to your request for information received 31 December 2021. I am sincerely 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,

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Information Governance Manager

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**Request:** I'm investigating Covid vaccine wastage throughout the pandemic. Would it be possible to be provided with the following information please in relation to the vaccination sites that have been run by your trust:

**Question 1.** Between 8 December 2020 and 31 December 2021, how many doses of the Pfizer Covid vaccine were administered at each of your vaccination centres/hospital sites?

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Month	Vaccination centre and School vaccination programme	Hospital sites
January 2021	N/A	N/A
February 2021	N/A	N/A
March 2021	N/A	N/A
April 2021	N/A	N/A
May 2021	4058	N/A
June 2021	16111	N/A
July 2021	10966	N/A
August 2021	16707	9
September 2021	6052	N/A
October 2021	11731	10
November 2021	14448	64
December 2021	20797	64

Please note, the administration of Pfizer at the Trust's Vaccination Centre started on 25 May 2021.

**Question 2.** Between 8 December 2020 and 31 December 2021, how many doses of the Pfizer Covid vaccine were destroyed/discarded/thrown away at each of your vaccination centres/hospital sites? Do you have a weekly/monthly breakdown of these figures? If so, can I be sent these please?

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Month	Pfizer Doses Wasted
May 2021	40
June 2021	387
July 2021	212
August 2021	303
September 2021	154
October 2021	923
November 2021	475
December 2021	389

**Question 3.** Between 4 January 2021 and 31 December 2021, how many doses of the AstraZeneca Covid vaccine were administered at each of your vaccination centres/hospital sites?

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Month	Vaccination centre and School vaccination programme	Hospital sites
January 2021	3039	-
February 2021	5375	-
March 2021	20511	-
April 2021	14583	-
May 2021	18149	-
June 2021	18023	-
July 2021	7413	-
August 2021	1181	3
September 2021	326	-
October 2021	718	-
November 2021	541	1
December 2021	388	-

**Question 4. Between 4 January 2021 and 31 December 2021, how many doses of the AstraZeneca Covid vaccine were destroyed/discarded/thrown away at each of your vaccination centres/hospital sites? Do you have a weekly/monthly breakdown of these figures? If so, can I be sent these please?**

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	AstraZeneca Doses Wasted
January 2021	62
February 2021	88
March 2021	6
April 2021	17
May 2021	58
June 2021	69
July 2021	60
August 2021	5095
September 2021	30
October 2021	6
November 2021	16
December 2021	19

The Trust had to destroy a large amount of AstraZeneca vaccines in August 2021 as they were unused and became expired at the end of August 2021.

Between January and August 2021, there was a total of 127 vials (1,016 doses) of AstraZeneca were destroyed at Hospital Sites. The Trust does not hold the monthly/weekly breakdown as requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

**Question 5. Between 7 April 2021 and 31 December 2021, how many doses of the Moderna Covid vaccine were administered at each of your vaccination centres/hospital sites?**

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

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*(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 does not administer the Moderna Covid vaccination. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

**Question 6. Between 7 April 2021 and 31 December 2021, how many doses of the Moderna Covid vaccine were destroyed/discarded/thrown away at each of your vaccination centres/hospital sites? Do you have a weekly/monthly breakdown of these figures? If so, can I be sent these please?**

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**Question 7. In those instances where doses of the Pfizer/AstraZeneca/Moderna vaccines were destroyed/discarded/thrown away, what reasons were given for staff not being able to administer them to patients? Let me know if you require any clarity regarding my request**

Answer: The reasons for not being able to administer vaccines to patients were:

- Overdiluting the vial
- Particles being found after diluting
- Leaking vials
- Excess at the end of the day
- Unable to draw up final dose (not enough for 6<sup>th</sup> dose)
- Vial dropped
- Expired vials (contributed to majority of wastage)