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I am responding to your request for information received 14 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,



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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Request:

Question 1: Is your hospital still running the PCR tests for SARS-Cov-2 at 40-45ct cycles?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da3849.pdf

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da3864.pdf

Question 2: Is the NHS still classifying any death as a Covid death for anyone who has tested positive with a PCR test within the past 28 days, as previously stated in the March 2020 update on the NHS website about dealing with excess deaths?

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.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental and community health trust and does not classify or register deaths. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 3: Is the NHS aware that the PCR is a non-diagnostic test and becomes 100% unreliable after 27ct cycles?

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

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We do not believe this question is applicable to the Trust. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 4: How does the NHS testing system determine which variant a patient has and is this via the PCR tests?

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

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I am aware of the online statistics site where a lot of information can be found, however i would like some more detailed information regarding specifics so my following questions are:

Question 5a: How many people have died in your hospital from Covid alone since February 1st 2020 to December 12th 2021 without any other underlying conditions or possible causes of death?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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The information requested is accessible here:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da4005.pdf

Question 5b: How many of these patients were prescribed Midazolam?

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

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We do not believe this question is applicable to the Trust. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 6: What are the annual numbers of prescriptions of Midazolam for the past 10 years within your hospital?

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

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The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 7: What are the annual numbers of DNR's issued in the past 10 years at your hospital?

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to review each clinical record as it is not recorded in a searchable format.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

Question 8: Have the following viruses/strains, to your knowledge, been isolated or purified;
-SARS-Cov-2?
-Kent variant B117?
-Delta variant?
-Omicron variant?

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We do not believe this question is applicable to the Trust. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

Question 9a: How many patients have been admitted to your hospital for Covid and were vaccinated against it since December 5th 2020?

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental and community health trust and therefore, no patients were admitted to our hospitals for COVID 19. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 9b: How many died while in your care?

Answer: Zero.

Question 10a: How many patients have been admitted to your hospital for Covid and were unvaccinated against it since December 5th 2020?

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental and community health trust and therefore, no patients were admitted to our hospitals for COVID 19. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 10b: How many of them died while in your care?

Answer: Zero.

Question 11: What are the annual numbers of patients diagnosed with myocarditis for the past 10 years within your hospital?

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental and community health trust and we believe this question is more applicable to an acute Trust. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 12: What are the annual numbers of blood clot related deaths for the past 10 years within your hospital?

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Question 13: What are the annual numbers of miscarriages for the past 10 years within your hospital?

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Question 14: What percentage of your beds are allocated for Covid patients?

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The Trust does not have allocated beds for COVID patients. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.