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I am responding to your request for information received **3<sup>rd</sup> February 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  
Water Lane  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: As of 3 February 2022, how many staff members in your trust were defined as 'health and social care workers who have face-to-face contact with service users'?**

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 does not categorise its staff in this way. All ELFT staff support health and social care activity and may potentially have face to face contact with service users. This applies to non-clinical as well as clinical staff. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested.

**Question 2: As of 3 February 2022, how many of those staff members had not received any Covid vaccination?**

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.*

The Trust receives vaccination data from a number of different sources but this is not a complete and accurate indication of the number of individuals who have been vaccinated. We encourage voluntary notification from individuals who may have received their vaccination independently rather than through work. Although vaccination is not currently a condition of deployment work is taking place on improving data quality relating to vaccination status. Currently we are not able to provide definitive data on the number of staff members who have not received and Covid vaccination.

**Question 3: How many are medically exempt?**

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 them.*

This information has not been recorded across the trust. Currently the mandate for all Health and Social Care staff to be vaccinated is on hold and therefore this question is not relevant at the current time.

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