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I am responding to your request for information received **14<sup>th</sup> January 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 – Individual 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:

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**Request:**

**Question 1:** For the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, the total number of reported incidents referring to synthetic opioid abuse;

**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. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you. We anticipate the information you require is likely to be held by an Acute Hospital Trust.

**Question 2:** For the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, the total number of reported incidents referring to OxyContin/Oxycodone abuse, illegal dealing, and/or illegal prescriptions

**Answer:** Please see answer to question 1.