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I am responding to your request for information received **18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. 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: How many times in the following years has surgical decompression (lumbar decompression) for Cauda Equina been carried out at the Trust?**
- a. 2019/20
  - b. 2020/21
  - c. 2021/22

**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 primarily a Mental Health Trust and does not provide treatment in relation to Cauda Equina. Therefore the information is not held.

- Question 2: Is the on-site MRI unit open and available to patients 24 hours a day? If not, when does it close?**

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