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I am responding to your request for information received **28th 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 – 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:

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Request: In this email, where I refer to A&E, I am referring to the A&E departments under the management of this NHS trust.

Question 1: Know how patients who are alleged victims of spiking are recorded/categorised when they present in A&E

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 does not manage any A&E departments and therefore does not hold the information you are requesting.

Question 2: Know whether there any procedural documents that outline how alleged victims of spiking should be processed after they present in A&E?;

Answer: Please see response to question 1.

Question 3: Request access those procedural documents, should they exist.

Answer: Please see response to question 1.

Question 4: How many alleged victims of spiking presented in A&E in 2021?

Answer: Please see response to question 1.

Question 5: How many of these alleged victims were:

- a. Turned away from A&E
- b. Treated in A&E
- c. Tested for evidence of drug or alcohol spiking
- d. Referred to the police

Answer: Please see response to question 1.