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I am responding to your request for information received **5th July 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,

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Senior Information Governance Coordinator – 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
Wycliff House
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Request:

Question 1: How many incidents were reported by your Trust on the Datix incident reporting system under the category 'MRI safety'?

Question 2: How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were listed under the division, 'MRI Non Declared Internal Passive Metallic Implant'?

Question 3: How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were under the division 'MRI Non Declared Internal Active Metallic Implant'?

Question 4: Finally, can you please tell me if MRI scanner(s) at your Trust have at any point needed to be temporarily left out of service due to supply chain issues impacting access to helium in 2021/22? If the answer to this question is YES, please also tell me

Question 4a: How many machines were affected by the helium shortage?

Question 4b: In which hospitals/buildings do those machine(s) operate?

Question 4c: How long were the machine(s) out of action as a result of the helium shortage?

Question 4d: How many patients were affected by the MRI scanner outage?

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 Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health Trust and Community Health Services Trust and does not provide services described in the questions above.

Therefore, we cannot provide the information.