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I am responding to your request for information received **21st July 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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: When did your trust begin referring patients through the NHS DMS?

Question 2: How many patients has your trust referred to community pharmacies through the DMS between 15 February 2021 and 14 July 2022?

Question 2a: How many patients has your trust discharged in total within this timeframe?

Question 3: According to national guidance for operating the DMS, trusts are responsible for developing their own eligibility criteria for patients referred through the service that meet “local population needs” (see page 13). Please could you supply a copy of your trust’s eligibility criteria for referring patients through the DMS?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 1 - 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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 is currently working towards the implementation of DMS once appropriate software has been fully installed. Therefore the Trust does not currently hold the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Please note the below website which provides information regarding DMS. I hope this may be of use to you.

<https://future.nhs.uk/>



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