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**Our reference: FOI DA4352**

I am responding to your request for information received **5<sup>th</sup> September 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,



Shuchi Joshi  
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  
Wycliffe House  
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Wilmslow  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: What neuroimaging technologies does your trust currently use? (tick all as appropriate in the attached spreadsheet)**

**a) If the box above has been ticked to indicate yes, how many of each neuroimaging technology do you have within your trust?**

**Question 2: Does your trust currently use MEG (magnetoencephalography) technology? (tick ONE answer in the attached spreadsheet)**

**Question 3: How many epilepsy surgeries were performed in your trust from 31st July 2016 to 31st July 2022?**

**Question 4: From 1st January 2021 to 31st July 2022, how many epilepsy patients in your trust have been prescribed (enter a value for each of the following in the attached spreadsheet):**

- a. One type of anti-epileptic drug (AED)?**
- b. Two types of anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs)?**
- c. Three or more types of anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs)?**

**Question 5: What was the average patient diagnosis time (in months), from initial appointment to epilepsy diagnosis, in the following date ranges: (enter a value for each of the following in the attached spreadsheet):**

- a. 1st March 2020 - 28th February 2021?**
- b. 1st March 2021 - 28th February 2022?**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed questions 1-5 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 primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and although we provide a nurse led service, this is only for patients who have already received a diagnosis of epilepsy prior to being referred to our service. The Trust does not use neuroimaging technologies or MEG, perform epilepsy surgery or prescribe epilepsy medication. As such we are therefore unable to provide a response.



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