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I am responding to your request for information received **23 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
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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: Please provide me with an annual breakdown of the total number successful clinical negligence claims made against the trust in the maternity sector and the total value of the damages paid out in the maternity sector, broken down at a site-level.

Question 2: I am specifically requesting the information at a site-level, not at the trust-level. That means the data you provide should be broken down by individual sites - e.g. separate data for a hospital the trust manages, as well as a midwife-led unit.

Question 3: Please indicate if a site is a midwife-led unit i.e. freestanding from a hospital.

Please provide this data for the latest five years for which it is available.

The data could be provided to me in the format of two tables, one for total number of claims and a second for the total value of damages. Each row would represent a site, and each column would be a year.

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 primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such we do not provide maternity services described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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