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I am responding to your request to review the Trust's previous response to your Freedom of Information request received 15 December 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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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
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SK9 5AF

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Request: Thank you for your response.

Question 1: There does not appear to be an answer for q2?

Answer Question 2 and 3 were answered together. These are now split below.

Question 2: Are you able to provide an average figure for MH bed cost?

Answer The average cost for a mental health bed per day is £405.22 for an inpatient bed and £739.33 for a PICU bed.

Question 3: Can I also confirm that the information provided is accurate?

Answer This has been reviewed by the Associate Director of Business Intelligence and Analytics who has confirmed that the Trust identifies and codes patients with ASD once they have been discharged from the ward. In addition, the Trust does not record those placed Out of Area in a searchable format. In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records in order to respond to a Freedom of Information Request. Therefore we are unable to provide a response.



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Original Request: Please could you share the data you hold between April 2021 and April 2022

Question 1: The number of ASD patients detained within your trust that were deemed fit for release and awaiting discharge.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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.*

While the Trust is able to extract information on the current inpatients that are deemed fit and waiting for discharge, the diagnosis will not be recorded until they are discharged.

That being the case, the Trust is unable to provide the information as requested.

Question 2: The number of ASD patients that were sent to out of area placements.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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 does not record this information and is therefore unable to provide a response.

And the following data held on *all patients* within your trust between April 2021 and April 2022:

Question 3: The number of patients detained under the MHA that were awaiting an ASD assessment.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 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—
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Question 4: The cost per year of detaining a patient under s3 of the MHA.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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 does not record the cost for patients detained specifically under Section 3 and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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