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I am responding to your request for information received 12 January 2023. 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

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Request:

Question 1. Thank you for your response.

I asked for the previous three reports, ie 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20, but 2019-20 has not been supplied. Please could you supply this as requested, or if it was not produced please advise why

Answer: In March 2017 the NHS England National Quality Board issued national guidance on 'Learning from Deaths'. As a result, there is a requirement to publish Trust-wide data. East London NHS Foundation Trust's mortality reviews are published on our website as part of our Board papers.

There is no requirement to routinely produce mortality reports for specific services. East London NHS Foundation Trust has provided you with the two reports which were published respectively for 2017-18 and 2018-19. These reports were commissioned to strengthen local arrangements for learning from incidents. These reports are not routinely produced on an annual basis and as such we do not have a local mortality review for 2019-20, and are therefore unable to disclose it to you.

Question 2. I refer to the attached document.

Section 4.12 deals with follow up after discharge from an inpatient ward. Percentages are given here but no raw data.

I would like to know, for the period of this report (ie April 2020 – March 2021), and for the 41 deaths cited in 2.1, is:

- **how many of the 41 unexpected deaths occurred after discharge from an inpatient ward = 'X' (raw data as an integer please)**

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.

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.

- **for 'X', how many days after discharge did each death occur (raw data as an integer please). Deaths over 28 days later can be grouped together.**

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Original Request: Please could I have the three previous year's documents for the Annual Mortality Review Luton and Bedfordshire (ie prior to January 2022).

Answer: The Trust is only required to report across the whole Trust. However, we do have local reports, attached:

Please find attached:

- Thematic Review of Unexpected Deaths across the Luton Mental Health Services from April 2018 - March 2019.
- Thematic Review of Unexpected Deaths across the Luton Mental Health Services April 2017 to March 2018.



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