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I am responding to your request for information received 10 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

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Dear East London NHS Foundation Trust,

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following information regarding inappropriate out of area placements in children and young people's mental health services.

Definition of inappropriate out of area placement (OAP): An 'out of area placement' (OAP) occurs when a child or young person who requires mental health inpatient care is admitted to a unit that does not form part of their usual local network of services because no bed is available for them locally.

Please can you provide for all following questions data for children and young people's mental health services and inappropriate OAPs.

Question 1. Total number of monthly inpatient admissions and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022.

Answer: Please see table below:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	5	17	8	9	9	9
February	5	11	9	6	7	9
March	5	14	15	9	9	7
April	7	16	6	6	6	7
May	6	9	8	4	5	9
June	11	7	8	5	6	8
July	7	6	11	11	7	9
August	7	13	11	2	6	8
September	10	10	6	16	7	8
October	10	11	11	9	7	9
November	8	16	7	9	6	9
December	12	10	8	6	6	10
Year Total	93	140	108	92	81	102

Question 2: Total number of monthly inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:

- Number of inappropriate OAP days per month
- Number of inappropriate OAPs active at the end of each month
- Number of inappropriate OAPs started each month
- Number of inappropriate OAPs ended each month

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
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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record inappropriate out of area placements and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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Question 3: The monthly lengths of inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:

- In these breakdowns if possible: a) 1-30 nights, b) 31-90 nights, c) 91 or more nights

- average, longest, shortest stay (as of the last day of the year)

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

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Question 4: The monthly distance travelled for inappropriate OAPs from January 2017 to December 2022:

- In these breakdowns if possible: a) less than 50km, b) 50km or greater and less than 100km, c) 100km or greater and less than 300km, d) 300km or greater

- average, longest, shortest distance (as of the last day of the year). For longest and shortest distance please include the receiving provider/inpatient unit.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5 The monthly cost of inappropriate OAPs and yearly totals from January 2017 to December 2022:

- Total cost for inappropriate out of area placements each month

- Average cost per bed day each month

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6: Yearly totals of receiving providers of inappropriate OAPs, so the number of patients sent to each receiving provider per year as well as the proportion of receiving providers that are private providers.

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Question 7: Yearly average, youngest and oldest age of children and young people on inappropriate OAPs.

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