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I am responding to your request for information received **7th June 2022**. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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

Senior 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
Wycliff House
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Chief Executive: Paul Calaminus
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Request: For each calendar year from 2017 to 2022 please provide:

Question 1: The number of serious incidents at the trust

Answer: 2017 - 143
2018 - 158
2019 - 129
2020 - 129
2021 - 115
2022 (to date) - 85

Question 2: The number of unexpected deaths at the trust, specifying how many of those were suspected suicides and/or self-inflicted deaths

Answer: East London NHS Foundation Trust does not centrally record confirmed suicides. The Trust records alleged suicides on an incident recording system, however these are recorded as alleged and not confirmed.

The Trust will only know if the suicide is confirmed by a coroner if it is involved in an inquest.

Year	Total Unexpected Deaths	Suspected Suicides
2017	241	75
2018	267	59
2019	353	55
2020	538	54
2021	545	75
2022	(to date) - 386	48

Question 3: The number of suspected suicides and/or self-inflicted deaths, within three months of contact with the trust, please provide figures for both inpatient and community settings

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—
(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 information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

