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**Our reference: FOI DA4397**

I am responding to your request for information received **4<sup>th</sup> October 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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Question 1: As of the date of this request, what is the longest amount of time - in days - that one of your outstanding structural maintenance issues has been left unresolved? Structural maintenance issues could include leaks, collapsed ceilings and creaking support beams. Please could you answer Q1 for the three structural issues which have been left unresolved for the longest amount of time, in descending order.**

**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.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a centralised maintenance database system and there is no central record of structural issues held by the Trust.

Our hospitals consist of a mix of owned, leased, hosted, PFI, Lift Co, NHS Property Services sites and each have separate systems. Therefore, we are unable to provide you with a response about the longest time where outstanding structural maintenance issues have been left unresolved.

**Question 2: Please send all of your trusts' hospital reports - commissioned since 01/01/22 - into the safety of their buildings and the risk posed to patients in the event of structural failure in the hospitals. If there are no reports as of 01/01/22, please send the Trusts' most recent report.**

**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:

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(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 hold any reports that have been commissioned into the safety of our buildings associated with structural failure and we are therefore unable to provide this information.

We have however recently commissioned a six facet survey of our retained estates, which included elements of physical condition. We are also carrying out a review of our retained estate to identify the presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), with an output report and recommendations, however we do not anticipate the presence of RAAC.



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