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I am responding to your request for information received 19 October 2022. I am sincerely 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,



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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SK9 5AF

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Request: Clinical staff who have sustained a workforce musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) – 2018 to 2022 whilst undertaking patient handling activities in each NHS England healthcare organisation

Question 1: Number of workplace patient handling MSD's / injuries per 1000 clinical staff?

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 record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Body locations for the reported workplace patient handling MSD's / injury? For example neck, arms, back, hip, legs, other

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling leads for each healthcare organisation?

Answer: The Trust does not have moving and handling/safe patient handling leads.

Question 4: Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling facilitators for each clinical environment?

Answer: The Trust does not have moving and handling/safe patient handling leads.

Question 5: Number of RIDDOR reportable workplace patient handling MSD's / injury reported?

Answer: Fifteen.

Question 6: Average sickness absence cost including replacement staff?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 7: Number of litigation cases made per year?

Answer: Zero litigation cases have been received 2018-2022 from clinical staff who have sustained a workforce musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) whilst undertaking patient handling activities.

Question 8: The legal costs to the NHS of defending workplace patient handling caregiver injury claims per year.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 9: The amount of money paid out in compensation / settlement costs to claimants per year.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 10: How many claims were settled out of court per year

Answer: Not applicable.



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