

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 13 February 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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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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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Request: Dear ELFT Freedom of Information team,

I'm trying to find population data for City & Hackney around numbers of people with back pain and chronic pain, as well as referrals for spinal surgery and physiotherapy. This is part of a proposal I am putting together for Cllr Christoper Kennedy, Councillor for Health and Wellebing, and Dr Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health.

I would specifically like to know the following concerning the Borough of City & Hackney:

Question 1: How many residents attended the GP for chronic low back pain in 2021/2022? (latest available data please)

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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide the services described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: How many residents were referred to physiotherapy for chronic low back pain in 2021/2022?

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: How many residents were referred for spinal surgery due to chronic back pain in 2021/2022?

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

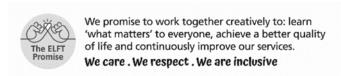
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Question 4: What is the cost of a course of physiotherapy for chronic back pain in Hackney?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the

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Question 5: What is the cost of a course of chronic pain management at the Locomotor service in Hackney?

Answer: This service is provided by the Homerton Hospital. Please contact the FOI

team directly at: huh-tr.foi@nhs.net

Question 6: What was the cost of spinal surgery for back pain in Hackney?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the

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