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I am responding to your request for information received 21 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

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

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Request: I am writing to submit an FOI concerning waiting times for consultant-led treatment, for both inpatient and outpatients.

Firstly I would like to give some context to aid in the interpretation of my request. I am familiar with the NHS England Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times statistics that are published monthly, and am looking for more specific figures about patients who leave this waiting list. I know leaving the waiting list could be because of a range of scenarios - the patient has had the scan/procedure/appointment they were waiting for, they have refused treatment, they have failed to show up and therefore been removed from the waiting list etc.

Question 1: How many patients left the waiting list for whatever reason. Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list.

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.*

The Trust does not use a consultant-led model but uses a multi-disciplinary model whereby referrals are sent directly to community mental health teams and not directly to consultants. Therefore we are unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Of these, how many left the waiting list because they were admitted as an emergency and treated for the condition their referral related to during their emergency stay, therefore ending the treatment waiting pathway? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list. Please note that the Welsh government has outlined how this may occur on page 8 of this guidance here:
<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fse.nedd.wales%2Fmedia%2Fycspv5fr%2Fhospital-waiting-times.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Celft.foi%40nhs.net%7C1584aa717c714d2765c608db13ffe580%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638125762012685534%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v4aStxal5xc6gRN0enpPHQ1sflAp%2Bsietx7t%2FMxDxNI%3D&reserved=0>

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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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide the services described



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in this request. We believe this question is for an Acute Trust and we are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: And of these (patients in question 1), how many left the waiting list because they died? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they were on more than one waiting list when they died.

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

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