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I am responding to your request for information received 21 March 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,



Nimita Parmar
Information Rights Coordinator

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: We are trying to establish how many patients are diagnosed with Cauda Equina Syndrome and whether this is reflected in the contact that our charity receives from people suffering with the syndrome. We would be grateful if you could please release the following information to us:

Question 1: How many patients were diagnosed clinically and radiologically with CES at the Emergency Department and by the Orthopaedic/Spinal Surgeons and/or underwent decompression or related surgery at your NHS Trust which perform spinal surgery:

- i. **Incomplete cauda equina syndrome**
- ii. **Complete cauda equina syndrome**

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.



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