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I am responding to your refined request for information received 18 January 2023. 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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
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**Request**      **Hi, I would like to refine my request based on this response. Please provide:**

**As per the Strategic Executive Information System, please provide the number of deaths deemed more likely than not to have occurred due to problems in care in the financial years of 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.**

**This is a question specifically about the mental health and community facilities provided by the Trust.**

**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—  
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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

Although the Trust records the root cause of an incident on StEIS it does not record information regarding 'deaths deemed more likely than not to have occurred due to problems in care'. Furthermore, by way of clarification, the identification of a care delivery problem does not necessarily mean a death occurred due to problems in care.

The Trust therefore does not hold or record information in the way you have requested. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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**Original Request:** In part 1, if these numbers are only available for patients who have not been identified as having learning disabilities, that is acceptable. The request is based on [this announcement](#) by the Department of Health and Social Care, and the 'Learning from Deaths Dashboard' template announced by NHS England.

In part 4, I recognise that it is not possible to determine the cause of death of the patient. That is not what I am requesting.

For all parts of this request, if the data to the end of 2022 is not available, then please include as much of the year as possible.

If the trust experienced any merger in the timeframes required, please include if possible the results for the separate defunct trusts before the merger, and then the results for the new trust.

**Question 1:** The total number of deaths considered more likely than not to have occurred due to problems in care in the trust for each quarter for which records are available

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

**Question 2:** The highest number of days of delayed discharge in your trust in of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 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:** The longest waiting time recorded in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for a patient to receive the result of each of the following diagnostic tests:  
**Magnetic Resonance Imaging test (MRI)**  
**Echocardiogram**  
**Non-obstetric ultrasound**



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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: The longest period of time that a patient spent on a waiting list for a non urgent operation in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. For each year, please also include, if possible, which category of operation is concerned.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 5: The numbers of patients removed from outpatient or elective care waiting lists with a removal reason of death, for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.**

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