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I am responding to your request for information received 4 May 2023. I am 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,

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: This is a Freedom of Information Request under the FOI Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:
Please could the response to this request be sent in an Excel Spreadsheet.

Question 1: Do A&E and mental health specialist staff follow the SHARE guidance regarding CONSENT, CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE & SUICIDE PREVENTION?
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1013010/zero-suicide-alliance-share.pdf

Answer: No.

Question 2: If not, what guidance or protocol do you follow regarding vulnerable patients?

Answer: The Trust does not have any specific guidance, but we expect staff to follow internal /professional guidelines including Trust protocols on confidentiality, GMC/NMC guidance etc. There is mandatory training for Trust staff on data security awareness.

Question 3: If so:
a) do you provide training on this guidance?
b) Is this training mandatory?

Answer: No. However as above, all staff undertake data security and awareness training that includes confidentiality guidance.

Question 4: In the last year, or six months should this exceed the cost limit, how many times was this protocol enacted? (Essentially, I would like to know how many times did your NHS trust shares information about somebody being at risk of suicide with another agency, including police, councils, social workers.)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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 it is not possible to establish, therefore we are unable to provide a response.



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