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I am responding to your request for information received 11 May 2023 and clarified on 24 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  
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**Request:** I am writing to you on behalf of Health Service Journal (HSJ). I am requesting the following information from your NHS trust:

We are asking all NHS community trusts the above questions, to piece together a national picture of current provision.

**Question 1:** Please provide a list of active services / units which are currently closed. (specifying number of beds/patients).

**Clarification:** To clarify, could you please provide a list of services/units which have closed since January 2020?

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Ward Name	Ward Specialty	No of Beds
Cazaubon (OLD)	MHCOP Dementia Assessment	23
Cazaubon	Continuing Health Care	23
Columbia Ward	MHCOP Dementia Assessment	21
Columbia annex (Ivory ward)	Old Age Psychiatry	7
East India Ward	Personality Disorder	16
Thames House	Old Age Psychiatry	18
Townsend Court	Old Age Psychiatry	9

Please note, we have taken this data from our clinical systems. These are not permanent closures as our clinical systems do not provide this level of detail. The closed wards therefore include those that may have been permanently closed, temporarily closed, relocated, renamed or have had a change in clinical function.

**Question 2:** For each, please specify dates of initial closure.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Ward Name	Ward End Date
Cazaubon (OLD)	21/02/2021
Cazaubon	30/11/2020
Columbia Ward	30/11/2020
Columbia annex (Ivory ward)	22/06/2021
East India Ward	30/09/2022
Thames House	01/04/2020
Townsend Court	14/09/2020

**Question 3:** Please specify reasons for closure (i.e. staffing shortage, lack of funding etc).

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 3 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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*(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 this level of detail on our clinical systems. The closed wards therefore include those that may have been permanently closed, temporarily closed, relocated, renamed, or have had a change in clinical function.

**Question 4: Please specify an estimated re-opening date.**

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

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(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 information on estimated ward re-opening dates and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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