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I am responding to your request for information received 3 July 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,

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
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Request:

Question 1: How many breaches of the single sex ward policy have been recorded (patients being placed on a mixed ward) in each of the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

Answer: Please see table below:

Type of breach	2019	2020	2021	2022
Female (on Male ward)				
Total	5	1	1	2
Male (on Female ward)				
Total	6	43	3	5
Grand Total	11	44	4	7

Question 2: How many mixed sex communal areas and mixed sex wards are in operation at the Trust?

Answer: The Trust has a total of twelve mixed-sex wards.

Question 3: How many sexual assaults and incidents of rape have been recorded on a mixed sex ward and separately mixed sex communal areas for the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 (if possible, please differentiate between male and female victims).

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of Sexual Assaults
2019/2020	7
2020/2021	<5 *
2021/2022	<5 *
2022/2023	8

*Please note: The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and therefore has the potential for those individuals to be identified. Therefore, we cannot provide this information which could contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR.

Question 4: How many incidents of sexual assault and or rape have been recorded in relation to female patients in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

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's incident reporting system does not capture information relating to gender, and in order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal



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basis to access patient records, to respond to a Freedom of Information Request. Therefore, we are unable to provide a response.

Question 5: How many reports have been made to the police in relation to the sexual assault and or rape of female patients in the following years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Number of reports made to the police
2019 – 20	5
2020 – 21	7
2021 – 22	8
2022 – 23	2



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