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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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am writing to East London NHS Foundation Trust to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am outlining my query as specifically as possible to assist you with this request.
I would like to know:

Question 1a: Is any of the product(s) purchased/used in your hospital contain Chitin/Chitosan (e.g. surgical sutures, materials in wound healing/tissue engineering/dentistry/drug delivery)?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2a.

If the answer to Q1a is No then:

Answer: No.

Question 1b: Do you plan on utilizing products containing Chitin/Chitosan in the next two years?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1b is No, you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

If the answer to Q1b is Yes, answer Q2a and then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1b 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 is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2a: What product(s) do you have in the hospital (or intend to purchase) that elft.foi@nhs.net contains Chitin/Chitosan?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 2b: For each product listed in response to Question Q2a, could you please provide the following details:

- i. The product's brand name.
- ii. The purpose of the product and in which department it is used.
- iii. The approximate volume of the product used/purchased over the last financial year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023).

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 3: Has the hospital received any complaints or filed any cases of side effects from using the Chitin/Chitosan product(s) mentioned above? If so, please provide detail of the following:

a) Number of cases in years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

b) description of the most three common side effects.

c) Which product(s) caused the most commonly seen side effects.

Answer: Not applicable.



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Question 4: Is there any limitation(s), certification(s), or regulatory requirement(s) that are bounded when utilizing Chitin/Chitosan in the hospital (i.e. ISO standards or Ethics, etc)? If so, please specify.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 5: Is the hospital currently or will be promoting any new products containing chitin or chitosan?

Answer: Not applicable.



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