

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 17 April 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,



Nimita Parmar
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:

Question 1: Name of Trust.

Answer: East London NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 2: Number of beds.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/information-about-elft/key-facts>

Question 3: Number of sites.

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: Do you use any kind of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Technology)? Yes, or No?

Answer: Yes.

Question 5: If yes, what do you use RFID for?

Answer: Patient wristbands and key tracking.

Question 6: Please list types of RFID being used (eg passive / active/BLE/Wifi, etc).

Answer: Passive.

Question 7: If using passive and active, what is the breakdown of the items using each (i.e 20,000 passive devices and 20,000 active)?

Answer: Only passive is used.

Question 8: If used for asset tracking, how many assets are being tracked?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 9: What types of assets are you tracking, eg. Medical devices / IT / estates / other?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 10: Is the current software interfaced with any other programme in the hospital, such as asset management programmes? Yes, or No?



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Answer: No.

Question 11: If yes which programme?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 12: What is the current software used for sterilisation?

Answer: Not applicable. Software not required.

Question 13: What is the current software and process for procurement?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 14: Are you using EPR (electronic patient record system)? Yes or No?

Answer: Yes.

Question 15: Is your RFID on prem or cloud hosted?

Answer: Premises.

Question 16: What is your IT infrastructure like?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 17: Do you use Microsoft Windows operation system? Yes or No?

Answer: Yes.

Question 18: If yes, what version is this?

Answer: Windows 10.

Question 19: What is the total value of the medical devices held within the hospital / trust?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 19 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.*

It is not possible to state the value of the 7083 devices the Trust holds due to some being owned, leased, short-term rent and disposable.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore not disclosable.



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Question 20: Who is your current supplier of RFID?

Answer: Secure UK Solutions.

Question 21: When is your contract up for renewal?

Answer: 31 March 2024.

Question 22: How much is your annual support from this provider?

Answer: Finance is able to provide you with the full year spend for Secure UK solutions for the last financial year 2022/23 £232,773.60

Question 23: What level of support do you receive?

Answer: Service contract.

Question 24: Are you GSI compliant (as part of the Department of Health Social Care Framework for 'scan4safety')? Yes or No.

Answer: No.

Question 25: Which departments are GSI compliant (i.e medical devices / sterilisation department / medical records)?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 26: Are you GSI compliant (as part of the Department of Health Social Care Framework for 'scan4safety')?

Answer: Not applicable.



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