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I am responding to your request for information received 13th 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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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 request the following information: Freedom of Information Request: Pregnancy and Miscarriage

Question 1: How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health board? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?

Answer:

The Trust has reviewed question 1 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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide an early pregnancy unit. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?

Answer:

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide any recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e., for non-recurring losses) within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?

Answer:

The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide any recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics (for non-recurring losses) or recurrent miscarriage clinics. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?

Answer:

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide any recurrent pregnancy-loss service. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

Answer:

Our OCEAN (Offering Compassionate Emotional Support for Those Living Through Birth Trauma and Birth Loss) provides support. Further information is available here <https://www.elft.nhs.uk/services/ocean-mental-health-service-east-london>



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