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I am responding to your request for information received 17 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
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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 some information under the Freedom of Information act. I am requesting this information on behalf of Epilepsy Action, as we would like to understand the UK neurology workforce in order to better support the NHS to provide care to people with epilepsy. This request was sent to the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB and they have requested we send it to each Trust individually.

Question 1: The number of neurologists employed within your Trust, including:

- a. The total number of neurologists
- b. The number of which are adult neurologists
- c. The number of which are paediatric neurologists
- d. How many adult neurologists are epileptologists
- e. How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists
- f. If you do not employ neurologists, please provide details of who provides your neurology services.

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 neurologist services nor does the Trust have any staff with the job title of “neurologist” as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: The number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust, including:

- a. The number of which are adult ESNs
- b. The number of which are paediatric ESNs
- c. How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise
- d. How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise

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 epilepsy services nor does the Trust have any staff with the job title of “epilepsy specialist nurses” as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise

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



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This information would not be recorded centrally. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles
a. Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise

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 obstetrics services as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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