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I am responding to your request for information received 02 August 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
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Request: I am writing under the terms of the FOI act to ask for the following information on varicose veins. Please provide me with:

Question 1: Overall based on the total number of referrals, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to initial appointment with healthcare professional regarding treatment for varicose veins.

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 the services for the treatment of varicose veins as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Please provide this information for each calendar year for the past five years.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 3: Overall based on the total number of referrals, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to a surgical procedure to treat varicose veins. Please provide this information for each calendar year for the past five years.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 4: What is the total number of annual referrals for treatment for varicose veins each year for the past five years?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 5: How many surgeries for varicose veins have been performed each year for the past five years?

Answer: Not applicable.



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