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I am responding to your request for information received 17 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

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Request: I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the following:

"Please provide the following information for each calendar year from 2018 to the present (2023):

- Question 1:** What was the longest a patient at your healthcare facility waited (in weeks/days) for -
- a) a first consultation with a radiation oncologist, following a referral for radiotherapy treatment;**
 - b) the initiation of radiotherapy treatment, following the initial consultation with a radiation oncologist;**
 - c) a scheduled radiotherapy session, following the initiation of radiotherapy treatment;**
 - d) a diagnostic test or procedure related to radiotherapy planning, following the referral from a radiation oncologist.**
- Question 2:** The number of unresolved radiotherapy referrals, and the longest length of time the referral has been pending.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 1 and 2 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 radiotherapy services as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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