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I am responding to your requests for information received 14 August 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,

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:

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Request 1: I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information. The request is as follows.

Question 1: What is the number of patients admitted to each forensic mental health ward within the health trust over the past 12 months? Please provide a breakdown by month.

Answer: Please see table below:

Ward	2022						2023						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Aldgate LD Ward	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bow Ward	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Broadgate Ward	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Butterfield Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Clerkenwell Ward	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hoxton Active Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Loxford Ward	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ludgate Ward	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Moorgate Ward	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreditch Ward	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
West Ferry Ward	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	4	2	0	2	0
Woodberry Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Question 2: What is the total number of patients currently in each forensic mental health ward within the health trust as of Monday, August 14, 2023?

Answer: Please see table below:

Ward Name	Number on ward as of 14th August 2023
Aldgate Ward	10
Bow Ward	15
Broadgate Ward	17
Butterfield Ward	17
Clerkenwell Ward	13
Clissold Ward	17
Hoxton Active Ward	17
Limehouse Ward	16
Loxford Ward	17
Ludgate Ward	14
Moorgate Ward	2
Morrison Ward	16
Shoreditch Ward	14
Victoria Ward	17
West Ferry Ward	11
Woodberry Ward	12



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Question 3: For each forensic mental health ward within the health trust please disclose the number of shifts in the last 12 months where clinical staffing levels fell below recommended safe levels.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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/safer-staffing-levels>

Question 4: Furthermore, could you please provide me with the current guidelines or policies in place that specify the recommended safe staffing levels for clinical staff in forensic wards within the health trust?

Answer: The Trust does not have a local guideline or policy in place regarding the recommended safe staffing levels for clinical staff in forensic wards.

The Trust works and relies on the national guidelines and the Mental Health Optimum Staffing Tool (MHOST).

The MHOST tool helps to define acuity and complexity. This information alongside other clinical information forms part of a yearly establishment review that looks at staffing levels in line with available evidence.

In addition, wards have the ability to increase staffing on a daily basis in order to meet service user need and ensure patient safety and quality of care.



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