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I am responding to your requests for information received 14 August and clarified on 15 August. 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: Please can the following information be provided for your organisation in full. If there have been any organisational changes within the timeframe request such as mergers, please indicate this.**

**Question 1: Please can you provide the last 3 years spend on specialist seating used for patients i.e. recliners and tilt in space chairs not general staff or waiting type seating, excluding VAT, broken down by year i.e. 2020, 2021 and 2022. There is no preference on if this is fiscal or calendar year.**

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  
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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2: In each of these years please could you highlight the 3 models you purchased/rented the most of by quantity.**

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

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**Question 3: Do you purchase outright or rent/hire your specialist seating for the trust. If there is a mixture, please could you quantify the split per year for the last 3 years**

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

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**Question 4: Please confirm which manufacturers of specialist seating your organisation purchased/rented from ie Ocura, DHG, Seating Matters, Remtec, Vivid Care, Premiere, Felgains Formal, Caremed. If multiple suppliers, please could you outline the top 3 by spend per year for 3 the last 3 years**



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

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**Question 5: Are you currently in a specialist seating contract if so who is this with, when does this run to and is there an agreed extension in place?**

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**Question 6: Within the last 12 months has there been any entry to the trusts risk register with regards to specialist seating and if so has this been resolved or still open**

Answer: There have been no entries within the Trust's risk register regarding specialist seating within the last 12 months.

**Question 7: Please can you provide the details of your hospitals care or multidisciplinary team (MDT's) that collaborate to provide fundamental care for patients.**

**Clarification: Do you have a Fundamentals of Care Group, if so please could I have their details?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a 'Fundamentals of Care Group' as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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