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I am responding to your request for information received 6 September 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  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:** I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please provide the information in the form of an Excel Spreadsheet.

**Question 1:** Please tell me the number of clinicians you have working at the Trust who specialise in tic disorders.

The clinicians must have specialised practice in the three tic disorders set out in the DSM-5-TR: Tourette's Syndrome, persistent motor or vocal tics and provisional tic disorder.

I am aware the clinicians may diagnose and treat patients in a variety of sub-speciality roles including, but not limited to, neurology, neuropsychiatry etc. Please include all specialists regardless of the sub-speciality in which they practice.

**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 services in tic disorders as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2:** Please tell me the clinician(s) start date of employment at the Trust.

**Answer:** Not applicable.

**Question 3:** If there are currently no specialists working at the Trust, please tell me how many you have had working at the Trust in the past during the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information on clinical specialism on tic disorders as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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