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I am responding to your request for information received 29 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,



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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  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Interim Chief Executive:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** Could you provide me with data on:

**Question 1:** The number of sexual safety incidents reported on in-patient wards from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? – in each case can you specify who was affected (e.g. staff, patient etc.) and who the perpetrator was (e.g. staff, patient etc.) and specify the sex of the parties involved.

Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)

**Answer:** Please see attached, Appendix 1, tab 1.

Please note, it is not possible to establish the sex of the parties involved as this is not recorded in a searchable format.

**Question 2:** How many formal sexual safety complaints have been made on in-patient wards from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? – in each case can you specify the complainant (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and who the complaint was made against (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and specify the sex of the parties involved.

Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)

**Answer:** Only two complaints have been recorded. Please see table below:

Month/Year	Patient on staff	Staff on Patient	Patient on other	Patient on Patient	Other	Total
October 2020	0	0	0	0	1	1
March 2022	0	0	0	0	1	1

**Question 3:** How many breaches of the single sex ward policy have been recorded (patients being placed on mixed wards) from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? – if possible, in each case can you specify the sex of the patient(s) affected.

Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)

**Answer:** Please see Appendix 1, tab 2.

**Question 4:** How many sexual safety incidents reported across the whole Trust services from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023? - In each case can you specify who made the report (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and who was reported (e.g. staff or patient etc.) and specify the sex of the parties involved.

Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)

**Answer:** Please see Appendix 1, tab 3.

Please note, it is not possible to establish the sex of the parties involved as this is not recorded in a searchable format.



**Question 5: How many reports have been made to the police in relation to sexual safety incidents from 2019 to the latest available month in 2023?**

**Could you split the data month and year please (e.g. January 2023, February 2023 etc.)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 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 does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 6: Do you have an individual Board lead for sexual safety?**

**Please answer yes or no.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 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:

Question 4:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-07/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4801.pdf>

**Question 7: Have you audited the collaborative 'Sexual Safety Standards' (2020) in your Trust? - Please answer yes or no. If yes, could you provide a copy of the report please**

**Please provide all this data in a spreadsheet (preferably .xlsx) with separate tab/worksheet headings relating to the questions above.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 7 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:

Question 5:

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