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I am responding to your request for information received 13 October 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

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking detailed information regarding endoscopy procedures, hydrogen breath tests, and waiting times for patients suspected to have Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) at your NHS Trust.

I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of patients currently on the endoscopy waiting list with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease.
2. The number of patients with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease who have been on the endoscopy waiting list for more than six weeks.
3. The number of patients with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease who have been on the endoscopy waiting list for more than six months.
4. The number of endoscopy procedures conducted for people with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.
5. The average time a person with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease spent on the waiting list for an endoscopy in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.
6. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test.
7. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) that have been on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test for more than six weeks.
8. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) that have been on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test for more than six months.
9. The average time a person with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) spent on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.
10. The number of hydrogen breath tests conducted for people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed 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 endoscopy procedures or hydrogen



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breath tests as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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