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I am responding to your request for information received 24 July 2023 and clarified on 11 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: I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Question 1: The number of deaths of in-patients in mental health facilities in the Trust in each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to end.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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 on the period 2018-2022 is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4638.pdf>

The total number of inpatient deaths in 2023 to date is six.

Please break down by:

Question 1a. Those detained under the Mental Health Act at the time.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1a 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.

In order for the Trust to provide information held within digital discharge summaries, it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request therefore we are unable to provide a response.

Question 1b. Those who were voluntary in-patients at the time,

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1b 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—

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In order for the Trust to provide information it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request therefore we are unable to provide a response.

Question 1c. Whether the deaths occurred on the premises or while the patient was AWOL or on leave.



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1c of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 2: The number of times seclusions were used in each in-patient mental health facility, each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of times seclusions were used
2018	51393
2019	61536
2020	83183
2021	91325
2022	85104
2023	52623

Question 3: The number of Serious Incident reports created about in-patients at mental health facilities, each year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to end of June.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Total number of serious incidents
2018	31
2019	26
2020	25
2021	23
2022	25
2023	9

Question 4: The number of:
a) Staff mental health nurses
b) Bank mental health nurses
c) Staff health care assistants
d) Bank health care assistants

employed/ used by the Trust in the month of June, for each year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	a. Staff Mental	b. Bank mental	c. Staff health	d. Bank health
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	Health Nurses	health nurses	care assistants	care assistants
2018	2590	227	629	169
2019	1606	280	609	104
2020	1675	266	825	457
2021	1785	352	750	559
2022	1953	269	810	549
2023	1993	403	918	794

- e) **Agency mental health nurses**
f) **Agency health care assistants**

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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(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 5: The number of Occupational Therapists employed by the Trust as at 1 June of each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of Occupational Therapists
2018	224
2019	209
2020	223
2021	234
2022	261
2023	272

Question 6: From 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023, on how many days did you have:

- a) **in-patient mental health beds available**
b) **10 or fewer in-patient mental health beds available**
c) **20 or fewer in-patient mental health beds available**

Clarification: I want to know on how many days in that time period were there

- a) **Zero available beds that day**
b) **0 to 10 beds that day**
c) **0 to 20 beds available**

Answer: Please see table below:

Date	Total Wards	No. of wards with Zero available beds	No. of wards with fewer than 10 available beds	No. of wards with fewer than 20 available beds
01/01/2023	57	20	53	57



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Date	Total Wards	No. of wards with Zero available beds	No. of wards with fewer than 10 available beds	No. of wards with fewer than 20 available beds
02/01/2023	57	20	53	57
03/01/2023	57	20	53	57
04/01/2023	55	18	53	55
05/01/2023	55	14	53	55
06/01/2023	57	16	53	57
07/01/2023	56	15	53	56
08/01/2023	56	19	53	56
09/01/2023	56	15	53	56
10/01/2023	55	12	53	55
11/01/2023	57	15	53	57
12/01/2023	57	13	53	57
13/01/2023	55	12	53	55
14/01/2023	55	14	53	55
15/01/2023	55	19	53	55
16/01/2023	55	20	53	55
17/01/2023	57	21	53	57
18/01/2023	57	19	53	57
19/01/2023	56	16	53	56
20/01/2023	54	14	53	54
21/01/2023	54	17	53	54
22/01/2023	55	15	54	55
23/01/2023	55	14	53	55
24/01/2023	55	19	53	55
25/01/2023	56	18	53	56
26/01/2023	55	17	53	55
27/01/2023	55	19	53	55
28/01/2023	55	20	53	55
29/01/2023	55	23	52	55
30/01/2023	56	16	53	56
31/01/2023	55	16	53	55
01/02/2023	55	18	53	55
02/02/2023	55	16	53	55
03/02/2023	56	18	53	56
04/02/2023	55	19	53	55
05/02/2023	55	19	53	55
06/02/2023	56	18	53	56
07/02/2023	57	15	53	57
08/02/2023	58	18	54	58
09/02/2023	58	21	54	58
10/02/2023	56	20	54	56
11/02/2023	56	23	54	56
12/02/2023	56	25	54	56
13/02/2023	57	23	54	57
14/02/2023	57	20	54	57
15/02/2023	57	21	54	57
16/02/2023	57	16	54	57



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17/02/2023	57	17	54	57
18/02/2023	57	24	54	57
19/02/2023	57	27	54	57
20/02/2023	57	25	54	57
21/02/2023	57	26	54	57
22/02/2023	57	27	54	57
23/02/2023	58	23	53	58
24/02/2023	58	20	53	58
25/02/2023	57	23	53	57
26/02/2023	57	25	53	57
27/02/2023	57	23	53	57
28/02/2023	57	24	53	57
01/03/2023	57	21	53	57
02/03/2023	58	21	53	58
03/03/2023	58	23	53	58
04/03/2023	56	23	53	56
05/03/2023	56	27	53	56
06/03/2023	56	26	53	56
07/03/2023	55	26	53	55
08/03/2023	55	24	53	55
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25/03/2023	56	25	53	56
26/03/2023	56	26	53	56
27/03/2023	57	24	53	57
28/03/2023	58	20	53	58
29/03/2023	58	20	53	58
30/03/2023	56	21	53	56
31/03/2023	54	20	53	54
01/04/2023	54	22	53	54
02/04/2023	54	25	53	54
03/04/2023	54	26	53	54



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04/04/2023	54	18	53	54
05/04/2023	54	17	53	54
06/04/2023	54	20	53	54
07/04/2023	54	27	53	54
08/04/2023	54	26	53	54
09/04/2023	54	27	53	54
10/04/2023	54	30	53	54
11/04/2023	54	29	53	54
12/04/2023	54	27	53	54
13/04/2023	55	23	53	55
14/04/2023	54	22	53	54
15/04/2023	54	24	53	54
16/04/2023	54	25	53	54
17/04/2023	54	19	53	54
18/04/2023	55	21	53	55
19/04/2023	55	25	53	55
20/04/2023	55	26	53	55
21/04/2023	55	23	53	55
22/04/2023	56	27	53	56
23/04/2023	57	26	53	57
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01/05/2023	54	29	53	54
02/05/2023	54	25	53	54
03/05/2023	54	25	53	54
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12/05/2023	56	22	54	56
13/05/2023	58	25	54	58
14/05/2023	57	26	54	57
15/05/2023	57	23	54	57
16/05/2023	57	23	54	57
17/05/2023	57	22	54	57
18/05/2023	57	20	54	57
19/05/2023	57	23	54	57



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21/05/2023	57	26	54	57
22/05/2023	57	21	54	57
23/05/2023	57	18	54	57
24/05/2023	56	21	54	56
25/05/2023	57	19	54	56
26/05/2023	56	19	54	56
27/05/2023	56	24	54	56
28/05/2023	56	22	54	56
29/05/2023	56	25	54	56
30/05/2023	58	26	54	58
31/05/2023	58	25	54	58
01/06/2023	57	24	54	57
02/06/2023	57	17	54	57
03/06/2023	58	20	55	58
04/06/2023	58	25	55	58
05/06/2023	58	24	54	58
06/06/2023	58	25	53	58
07/06/2023	58	26	53	58
08/06/2023	58	20	53	58
09/06/2023	58	23	53	58
10/06/2023	59	22	53	59
11/06/2023	60	23	53	60
12/06/2023	60	19	53	60
13/06/2023	60	17	53	60
14/06/2023	61	18	53	60
15/06/2023	60	20	53	60
16/06/2023	60	19	53	60
17/06/2023	59	21	53	59
18/06/2023	59	24	53	59
19/06/2023	59	18	53	59
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23/06/2023	59	17	53	59
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25/06/2023	59	21	53	59
26/06/2023	59	18	53	59
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28/06/2023	58	16	53	58
29/06/2023	58	15	53	58
30/06/2023	59	18	54	59



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