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I am responding to your request for information received 15 November 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

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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am writing to request some information under Freedom of Information regulations. I would like to know, over the last 12 months, in your trust:

Question 1: On how many occasions have leave beds (beds occupied by a patient who is on a period of leave but is still within in patient care) been occupied by another patient.

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 does not record information on the occupancy of specific beds as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: On how many occasions have there been no unoccupied inpatient beds available within the trust.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the number of occasions on which there were unoccupied beds as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response. We can state however, that there will always be one or more unoccupied beds within the Trust.

Question 3: If out of area placements have been made for patients under the care of the trust over the last 12 months, please list

a) the trusts to which patients were sent and

b) for each trust, the number of times patient(s) from your trust were sent there.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record information on the location of out of area placements as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

