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I am responding to your request for information received 5 October 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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Wycliff House
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Request: To better understand how your trust deals with healthcare and specialise transport services, please clarify whether your trust provides these services in-house, outsources them all, or uses a mix of both approaches. Additionally, please provide the following data for your Trust:

For your convenience, I have attached an Excel file for you to use and provide the requested information. Please return the completed file via email reply.

Question 1: For each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23:

What was the spend (£ value) on in-house healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust,

- a) High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- b) Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- c) Non-Emergency patients
- d) Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- e) Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

Furthermore, if any of the specific splits are not available, please provide total figures for the system and specify which main splits are recorded by your trust (in-house / independent sector).

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 2: Additionally, please provide the following data for your Trust:
For each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23: the respective volumes of patients / transportations that you realised with in-house capacity, split by: (Furthermore, if any of the specific splits are not available, please provide total figures for the system and specify which main splits are recorded by your trust (in-house / independent sector).

- a. High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- b. Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- c. Non-Emergency patients
- d. Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- e. Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1.

Question 4: What was the spend (£ value) on independent sector providers for healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust, for each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23:

- a. High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- b. Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- c. Non-Emergency patients
- d. Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- e. Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 2.

Question 5: For each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23: The respective volumes of patients / transportations that you realised with contracted independent sector providers, split by:



- a. High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- b. Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- c. Non-Emergency patients
- d. Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- e. Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

If you are unable to provide both spend and volumes, or if you believe that this request will cost above the legal threshold for FOI responses, please deprioritise the data on volume and advise on alternative action.

Answer: Please see attached Appendix 2

Question 6: To better understand how your trust procures healthcare and specialised transport services from the independent sector, please clarify how many private providers were contracted each year. 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Number of providers
2018/19	3
2019/20	4
2020/21	4
2021/22	4
2022/23	4

Question 7: Additionally, please provide the following data for your Trust and for each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23.

For each independent provider, what was the spend (£ value) on independent sector providers for healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust,

- a. High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- b. Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- c. Non-Emergency patients
- d. Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- e. Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

Furthermore, if any of the specific splits are not available, please provide total figures for the system and specify which main splits are recorded by your trust (in-house / independent sector).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 7 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 8: Please provide the following data for your Trust and for each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23.

The respective volumes of patients / transportations that you realised with contracted independent sector providers, split by:

- a. High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- b. Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- c. Non-Emergency patients
- d. Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- e. Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

If you are unable to provide both spend and volumes, or if you believe that this request will cost above the legal threshold for FOI responses, please deprioritise the data on volume and advise on alternative action.

Furthermore, if any of the specific splits are not available, please provide total figures for the system and specify which main splits are recorded by your trust (in-house / independent sector).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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