

## FoI Request Questionnaire

Some of the questions in this questionnaire allow for a quick answer, simply by deleting **Yes** or **No** as appropriate, but others require more detailed answers. We thank you in advance for doing your best to answer the questionnaire in the most complete way you can.

### 1 What is the size of the resident population that your organisation serves?

**Response:**

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 is accessible here: Page 9

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-10/East%20London%20NHSFT%20Annual%20Report%20and%20Accounts%202021-2022%20FINAL%20%28for%20publication%29.pdf>

### 1.1 What percentage of the resident population in the area that your organisation serves are non-native English speakers?

**Response:**

The Trust has reviewed question 1.1 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 the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

### 1.2 Does your organisation predict that the number of non-native English speakers living in the area that you serve will increase, reduce or stay the same in the next 5 years?

**Response:**

The Trust has reviewed question 1.2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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

*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.

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**2 Does your organisation hire any professional written translation or spoken interpreting services to aid communication with people who may have difficulties understanding English?**

**Response:** Yes

- 2.1 If your organisation hires professional translation or interpreting services, for what type of material do you use these services?  
(E.g., do you hire professional translation services to translate website content, correspondence, legal documents? Do you hire interpreting services for meetings, interviews, anything else?)

**Response:**

The Trust has reviewed question 2.1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/information-about-elft/interpreting-translating-sign-language>

- 2.2 If your organisation hires professional translation or interpreting services, can you please provide figures for how much was spent by your organisation on these services and what percentage of your total expenditure this amounted to for the last 4 financial years?

**Response:**

Financial year	Translation & interpreting expenditure	% of total expenditure
2018/19:	The Trust has reviewed question 2.2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.  Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:  <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i>  The information requested is accessible here: Question 1	Not available.
2019/20:		0.21%
2020/21:		0.18%

	<a href="https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-08/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4203%20v1.pdf">https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-08/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4203%20v1.pdf</a>	
2021/22:	£ 1,108,269	0.19%
2.3	<p>Does your organisation predict that the percentage of spending on translation and interpreting services will increase, reduce or stay the same in the next 5 years?</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The Trust has reviewed question 2.3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:</p> <p><i>Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i></p> <p>East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.</p>	
3	<p><b>Is machine translation (e.g. a translation app such as Google Translate) used in any way in your organisation?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> No.</p>	
3.1	<p>If machine translation is used in your organisation, under what circumstances is it used? (Please specify by whom, in which context, using which tools, and the reason of use.)</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>	
4	<p><b>Does your organisation follow a formal policy approving, prohibiting or regulating the use of machine translation tools in your organisation?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>	
4.1	<p>If your organisation follows a formal policy for the use of machine translation, can you attach a copy of such policy to your response and/or provide a link to where it can be accessed?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>	
5	<p><b>Has your organisation carried out a risk assessment of possible consequences, for your organisation and/or for the people the organisation serves, from the use of machine translation?</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>	
5.1	<p>If your organisation has carried out a risk assessment of the use of machine translation, please can you specify the risks your organisation identified?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>	

6	<p><b>Do you have an established line of accountability in the event of negative outcomes that may arise from the use of machine translation?</b></p> <p>(E.g., an incident caused by misinformation in an important document, or by miscommunication between staff and member of the public using a phone app.)</p>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>
6.1	<p>If you have an established line of accountability, can you explain how this guides response procedures to a possible negative outcome from the use of machine translation?</p>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>
7	<p><b>Is any training provided on the use of machine translation in your organisation?</b></p>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>
7.1	<p>If training is provided on the use of machine translation in your organisation, can you please provide an overview of the training offered?</p>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>
8	<p><b>Does your organisation have any other procedures in place to adjust your communication strategy for people who may have difficulties understanding English? If so, please explain.</b></p>
	<p><b>Response:</b> The Trust's Communications Strategy has a specific reference to the accessibility of the Trust's information to people with a second language. Please see Appendix 2 attached.</p> <p>Additionally, every page on the Trust's website can be converted into one of 63 languages. There is a button on the top next to the Need Help bubble. <a href="https://www.elft.nhs.uk/">https://www.elft.nhs.uk/</a></p> <p>The Trust also has a dedicated page on the intranet for staff to access translation and interpreting: <a href="https://www.elft.nhs.uk/intranet/translation-and-interpreting">https://www.elft.nhs.uk/intranet/translation-and-interpreting</a></p>
9	<p><b>If we would like to follow up with your organisation for the purpose of further research relating to translation and/or interpreting in your organisation, could you please provide the most suitable email address to contact?</b></p>
	<p><b>Response:</b> Not applicable.</p>