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I am responding to your request for information received 14 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:

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Wilmslow  
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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:**

**Question 1: The total number of non-prison patients on the waiting list for a medium secure bed at the John Howard Centre as of 1 May 2023**

**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 waiting list information as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2: The total number of non-prison patients on the waiting list for a medium secure bed at the John Howard Centre as of 1 November 2023**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 3: The total number of non-prison patients admitted to medium secure beds at the John Howard Centre since 1 May 2023**

**Answer:** The Trust is unable to provide definitive figures as admission source is not a mandatory field on the clinical system.

**Question 4: The total number of prison-based patients on the waiting list for a medium secure bed at the John Howard Centre as of 1 May 2023**

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

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**Question 5: The total number of prison-based patients on the waiting list for a medium secure bed at the John Howard Centre as of 1 November 2023**



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 6: The total number of prison patients admitted to medium secure beds at the John Howard Centre since 1 May 2023**

Answer: The Trust is unable to provide definitive figures as admission source is not a mandatory field on the clinical system.

**Question 7: The average waiting time in respect of hospital-based patients from of first referral to transfer to a medium secure bed the John Howard Centre during between 1 May and 1 November 2023**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 8: The average waiting time in respect of prison-based patients from of first referral to transfer to the John Howard Centre during between 1 May and 1 November 2023**

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

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**Question 9: The total number of medium secure beds at the John Howard centre becoming available between 1 May and 1 November 2023**

Answer: Please see table below:



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Month and year	Number of medium secure beds
May 2023	5
June 2023	5
July 2023	9
August 2023	6
September 2023	4
October 2023	3
November 2023	2



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