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I am responding to your request for information received 1 December 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  
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Wilmslow  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:** I would like to request the following information to be released, if held, with regards to the Patient Initiated Digital Mutual Aid System (PIDMAS).

**Question 1:** The number of patients who had been on a waiting list for treatment with the trust for 40 weeks or more, as of 31 October 2023.

**Question 2:** The number of patients contacted by the trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.

**Question 3:** The number of patients who have been referred to another provider or health trust, through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed 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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not use PIDMAS as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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