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I am responding to your request for information received 9 February 2024 and clarified on 7 March 2024. 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,



Keshia Harvey
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding different software used in your Trust.

Question 1: Which pathology network are you a part of?

Clarification: Thank you for your email. In 2017 it was announced that the 122 individual pathology units within NHS Hospitals in England would join-up, and form a series of 29 networks (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/pathology-networks/#:~:text=under%20our%20proposals%2C%20the%20122,high%20quality%20care%20for%20patients>). They already exist and we would like to know in which network you are.

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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not have a pathology department nor is part of the pathology network as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: We would like to get some information on your LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System), MIS (Maternity Information System) and OIS (Oncology Information System). For each, if applicable, please can you provide:

- a. Supplier name
- b. System name
- c. Contract start date
- d. Contract expiration date
- e. Details on any current plans to replace the system
- f. Total value of the contract
- g. Annual spend on the service
- h. LIMS only: What was your annual budget for digitalised histopathology (2020 – 2024)?
- i. MIS only: Is the MIS hospital only or integrated across hospital and community?

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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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide the services as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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