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I am responding to your request for information received 8 February 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,

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

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Request:

Question 1: How many patients have come into your (collective) hospitals with Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that was noticed and/or attended to, between January 2014-February 2024 calendar years? (could you provide the data in calendar year and split the data by month and year)

Please specify if the data is relating to a physical or mental health concern and please make sure to list the physical and mental health concerns separately.

Answer: Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Number of patients
2016	2
May	1
Nov	1
2017	6
Jan	1
Feb	2
Mar	1
Apr	1
Oct	1
2018	5
Jan	1
Jul	1
Sep	2
Oct	1
2019	14
Feb	1
Mar	1
Apr	1
May	1
Aug	2
Sep	1
Oct	4
Nov	2
Dec	1
2020	15
Jan	1
Feb	1
Mar	2
Jul	1
Aug	2
Sep	2
Oct	4
Nov	2
2021	3
Jan	1
Feb	2
2022	2



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May	1
Dec	1
2023	7
Jun	1
Jul	3
Aug	1
Oct	2
Grand Total	54

Please note that in this case, the Trust only has records from 2016. All patients are related to mental health services.

Question 2: Between January 2014 to February 2024: how much has the Trust spent (or how much has it cost) for the following things relating to FGM:

- 2a) corrective FGM (whatever actions need to be taken to correct or improve the damage caused by FGM)**
- 2b) surgery**
- 2c) procedures (non-surgical)**
- 2d) appointments**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 2a-2d 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 provide the services as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: How many FGM-related deaths has your trust seen between January 2014-February 2024? Please specify how if FGM was a primary or secondary cause of death.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested. The Trust only holds data for deaths that have been referred to a coroner, so this is only a subset of deaths in the Trust. In any event, we do not hold data for cause of death that can be filtered to bring up specific categories of death. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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