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I am responding to your request for information received 20 March 2024. This is the first request we have received from you. 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  
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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:** I wonder if you could kindly provide information to the following questions.

**Question 1.** How many times has IV Iron been administered each year in the years 2013-2023 within the organisation. For clarity and by way of example, how many times in 2013 was administered (given intravenously) - the same for each of the years thereafter until 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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide IV iron as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2.** How many iron extravasations have been reported within your organisation within the 10-year (complete years) period 2013-2023. For clarity, I am asking how many extravasations reports were made, involving iron infusions, between 2013-2023, complete years, January to December in each of those years. I am aware that there is no specific coding for Iron Extravasation. However, the incident forms for each year can be reviewed and if it does not include an IV iron infusion can be excluded - this should take a few seconds per incident form.

**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 iron extravasations as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 3.** Are patients given any information leaflets about iron infusions prior to infusion? May I have a copy?

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

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request and therefore does not have leaflets. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 4. Do you have an iron infusion policy - May I kindly have a copy?**

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

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