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I am responding to your request for information received 18 March 2024. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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 persons are held by your Trust under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act for assessment purposes at the current time?

Answer: 123 people are currently under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act for assessment at the Trust.

Question 2: How many persons are held by your Trust under Section 3 of the Mental Health Act at the current time?

Answer: 531 people are currently under Section 3 of the Mental Health Act.

Question 3: How many seclusion suits or rooms exist and are operated by your Trust?

Answer: The Trust has seven seclusion rooms.

Question 4: What's the longest period that an individual currently been detained in seclusion, for clarity, the length of time that an individual currently being held in seclusion has been held in a room designated or used for seclusion?

Answer: The longest period an individual has been detained in seclusion is 30 days.

Question 5: Please could you provide a copy of your policy on the use of seclusion and a copy of any training material provided to staff on the use of seclusion?

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

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/Seclusion%20Policy%2010.0.docx>

Question 6: Please could you provide a photograph of a typical seclusion room in use by your Trust. (empty room).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 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 the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 7: How persons are currently held under the various sections of the Mental Health Act by your Trust, please provide details and a breakdown by section that persons are currently detained under?



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Answer: Please see table below:

MHA Section	Number Of Patients On Section
17A	201
2	123
3	531
37/41	126
37H	14
45(A)	2
47	4
47/49	32
48/49	12

Question 8: Please provide details of the type of devices or equipment used to restrain patients and the number of such devices your trust is in possession of, how often are these devices used, what training is given to staff in the use of such items, please could you provide details of the training materials and a copy.

Answer: The training taught to restrain patients does not use devices, staff use hand holds.

Question 9: When a new patient is admitted under the Mental Health Act are they provided with a patient handbook or similar document? If so please could you provide a copy?

Answer: Please see attached appendix 1.

Question 10: Do you have any disciplinary policies in relation to patients who misbehave or breach regulations or rules within your trust policies, if so please could you provide a copy of the policy or relevant documents?

Answer: No, the Trust does not have disciplinary policies in relation to patients who misbehave or breach regulations or rules within the Trust.

Question 11: Do patients detained under the Mental Health Act by your Trust have access to mobile telephones or the internet and if so please could you provide copy of the relevant information and policies provided to staff and patients on mobile phone and internet use?

Answer: Patients have access to mobile devices and the internet where there may be a specific or identified risk (e.g. safeguarding due to inappropriate use such as filming others and displaying on social media without consent, accessing harmful material or excessive and inappropriate calls to emergency services), this needs to be documented in the risk assessment and a care plan written that outlines why access is limited and might include guidelines for staff on supervised or time limited access.

Please see attached appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5 – policies provided to staff and patients.



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