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I am responding to your request for information received 1 May 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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding provision for urgent and emergency ophthalmology (eye care) services.

**Question 1:** Does your Eye Service/A&E service offer Emergency/Casualty Eye Care by walk-in, telephone or self-referral? If so, can you please state if it is walk-in, telephone or self-referral based and can you provide activity data for each of the last 5 years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23)

**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 Eye Care Services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2:** Number of Adult Patients attending, in each year, in the age groups of, 18 to 24; 25 to 34; 35 to 49; 50 to 64; over 65

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 3:** Number of Adult Patients attending, in each year, split by Casualty/A&E Triage Category of 3, 4 & 5 (we have intentionally excluded Category 1 & 2 from this FOI)

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

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**Question 4:** Number of Adult Patients transferred/onward referred, in each year, to the Outpatient Eye clinic for ongoing care?



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

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