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I am responding to your request for information received 15 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

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Request:

Question 1: Please provide the number of patients who attended A&E primarily with mental health complaints (i.e. anxiety, depression, other mental health concerns) for each month in 2022 and 2023, and January, February and March 2024.

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:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide A&E services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 1a: If possible, please indicate how many of these patients were adults (18 or over) or children (under 18).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: Of these patients, please provide the number who spent under 12 hours in A&E in total, between 12 and 24 hours in total, between 24 and 48 hours in total, between 48 and 72 hours in total, between 72 and 96 hours in total, and the number who spent longer than 96 hours in A&E.

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: For those who spent longer than 96 hours, please specify how long they spent in A&E.

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



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Question 5: Please indicate what proportion of people attending A&E with mental health complaints were ultimately admitted, transferred to another provider (please list the relevant providers), or sent home (please specify the proportion of these who were sent home with or without follow-up plans)

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

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Question 6: Please specify what plans the trust has in place to mitigate risks from rising numbers of patients attending A&E with mental health concerns

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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