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I am responding to your request for information received 16 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: First, between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2024, how many operations were undertaken in your area that involved the insertion of titanium clips or titanium alloy clips to repair ruptured brain aneurysms?

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 conduct operative procedures. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Second, what rules/guidance/protocols has your Trust in place to ensure that the serial numbers of titanium/titanium alloy clips used to repair ruptured brain aneurysms are recorded in patients' notes and/or elsewhere for future reference?

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 have any rules, guidance or protocols in relation to the conduct or relevant recording of such operative procedures. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: Third, can I view, please, your Trust's current rules/guidance/protocols in relation to recording these clips' serial numbers?

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not conduct operative procedures and therefore does not have any relevant protocols in relation to recording serial numbers of clips used in procedures. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

