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I am responding to your request for information received 2 January 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

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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding Section 117 Aftercare;
Section 117 of the Mental Health Act relates to the provision of aftercare for patients with a qualifying section – the questions below relate to how this process is overseen and managed within your Trust.

Question 1: Do you have a section 117 register that is kept up to date – i.e. new patients added when they have section 117 eligibility and patients removed when eligibility ends?

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: Is the register accessible to staff within your Trust via the intranet?

Answer: No.

Question 3: Do you have a timescale set for section 117 reviews? – i.e. 3 months, 6 months, annual review etc

Answer: When an individual is reviewed by the multi-disciplinary team and found no longer to need Section 117 aftercare there should be a follow-up check of the decision within six weeks of the discharge.

Question 4: Does the register include information about the people on your register that require a section 117 reviews and whether these are in date or overdue?

Answer: No.

Question 5: Does your Trust have processes in place to monitor overdue reviews and the number of people on the register who are eligible for section 117 aftercare? If so can you provide details of monitoring arrangements i.e. MHA Operations Committee, reports to teams etc and the frequency of these

Answer: No.

Question 6: Who is responsible for updating the section 117 register within your Trust – i.e. IT department, Performance team, MHA team

Answer: The Mental Health Law team.

Question 7: Do you have a single point of access for funding queries i.e. which ICB, which Local Authority is responsible for section 117 funding? If so is this via a legal team, social care team, MHA office?

Answer: No.

Question 8: How many patients do you have on your section 117 register?

Answer: 6859 patients are currently on the section 117 register.

Question 9: What proportion of patients have reviews in date?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 9 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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*(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 10: What proportion have out of date reviews?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 10 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 11: Do you have a system in place i.e. a specific team that will undertake section 117 reviews for patients who have entitlement but are not currently open to services

Answer: No.



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