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I am responding to your request for information received 27 February 2025. 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:

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Request: FOI request: Mental health patient homicides at East London NHS Foundation Trust and independent investigations

For all questions 1-3, please include data for any of the trust's predecessor bodies if this is available.

Question 1: Please disclose since 1994, how many homicides by trust patients have occurred within a year of contact with the trust.

Please give a breakdown by year.

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's historical records were not captured electronically prior to 2011. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

However, under Section 16(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Trust has a duty to provide advice and assistance to those who propose to make, or have made, requests for information. To provide assistance, the Trust can confirm it recorded the following total numbers of suspected homicide incidents committed within a year of contact with the Trust:

- 2011 - 1
- 2012 - 2
- 2013 - 3
- 2014 - 2
- 2015 - 0
- 2016 - 0
- 2017 - 3
- 2018 - 1
- 2019 - 3
- 2020 - 2
- 2021 - 2
- 2022 - 1
- 2023 - 1
- 2024 - 6

Question 2: How many of these homicides by trust patients were reported to NHS England or its predecessor bodies?

Please give a breakdown by year.

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

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However, we can confirm that when a Suspected Homicide is reported on our Incident Reporting systems, we review the incident and if it meets the criteria we report the incident on STEIS and this triggers an alert to NHS England. Therefore all such incidents would be reported to NHS England.

Question 3: How many of the total number of homicides by trust patients reported to NHS England were independently investigated under HSG 94-27?

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust's historical records were not captured electronically prior to 2011. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

However, in an effort to assist, 21 domestic homicide independent reviews where ELFT are mentioned have been located within the time period 2011 to present. All reports are reasonably available at: <https://homicide-review.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Question 4: If not all homicides by trust patients were reported to NHS England and/or its predecessor bodies, can the trust explain why this was so?

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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