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I am responding to your request for information received 28 April 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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Request: I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide data for the period April 2024 to March 2025, broken down by calendar month where applicable as well as planned capital works for the current year 2025/2026.

People in Beds

Question 1a: Acute Mental Health Placements (Out-of-Trust / Private Sector)

- The number of female patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust acute mental health beds each month.
- The number of male patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust acute mental health beds each month.

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	Total number of female patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust acute mental health beds	Total number of male patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust acute mental health beds
April 2024	29	35
May 2024	12	23
June 2024	3	27
July 2024	8	25
August 2024	6	14
September 2024	8	4
October 2024	1	2
November 2024	3	4
December 2024	1	6
January 2025	8	2
February 2025	0	5
March 2025	7	4

Question 1b: PICU (Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit) Placements (Out-of-Trust / Private Sector)

- The number of female patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust PICU beds each month.
- The number of male patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust PICU beds each month.

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

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

In order to provide the information requested and accurately determine the total number of patients in out of trust PICU beds, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 1c: Rehabilitation Mental Health Placements



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- **The number of patients placed in rehabilitation mental health placements, broken down by gender (male/female) and by month.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1c 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 does not record the information requested on rehabilitation placements and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Bed Day Costs

Question 2: For the period April 2024 to March 2025, please provide the average daily bed fee paid for private sector placements, broken down by patient gender (if available) and setting:

- **Acute mental health placements**
- **PICU placements**
- **Rehabilitation placements**

Answer: Please see table below*:

Patient Setting	Male	Female	Not stated	Average cost of private sector beds
Acute mental health placements	£925.08	£892.28	£904.00	£908.72
PICU placements	£1,109.05	£1,063.26	£1,127.00	£1,100.53
Not-Noted	N/A	£857.25	£798.77	£807.22

*Please note: The Trust collects invoices which can contain this information. However, not all invoices show bed type, and not all contain gender.

The table shows the total cost per day to the Trust of placements for 2024/25. This will include the cost of transporting patients, any escorted services outside of the unit, and any enhanced levels of staff ratios.

- **Rehabilitation placements**

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



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Placement Locations

Question 3: Please provide the names and addresses (or town/city) of all private sector or out-of-trust facilities where patients (both male and female) were placed in the following settings:

- Acute mental health
- PICU
- Rehabilitation

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Clinically Ready for Discharge (CRFD)

Question 4: Please provide the number of patients occupying NHS Trust acute mental health beds each month who were deemed clinically ready for discharge but remained in hospital (commonly referred to as Delayed Transfers of Care – DTOC).

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	Number of patients in Delayed Transfer of Care
April 2024	92
May 2024	80
June 2024	66
July 2024	73
August 2024	81
September 2024	94
October 2024	87
November 2024	74
December 2024	65
January 2025	60
February 2025	69
March 2025	67

Planned Capital Improvement Works

Question 5: Please confirm whether there are any planned or ongoing capital improvement works during the period April 2025 – March 2026 that may impact patient flow (e.g. reduction in bed availability, ward closures, reconfigurations).

If so, please provide a summary of the works, broken down by service area:

- Acute (Adult and Older Adult)
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)
- Forensic Services
- Specialist Services (e.g. Perinatal, Eating Disorders, Neuropsychiatry)

Answer: Planned Capital Development Works (Forensics):

- Our provider collaborative has proposed a transformation of inpatient women's services. If this is formally ratified, Bow Ward (women's Medium Secure ward) would reduce from 15 inpatient beds to 12 beds this financial year, with the remaining beds being transferred to a different provider within the Collaborative.



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- There is currently an empty ward which was previously Ludgate Ward men's Medium Secure ward) and the service is currently looking at options in terms of how this space could be repurposed. It may be that a ward or a number of wards temporarily relocates to Ludgate Ward to decant whilst their wards are refurbished.
- There are no current plans to move wards temporarily for the purpose of decant for redecoration after Morrison Ward, which is currently decanted to Ludgate Ward. Please note that no bed capacity is lost in instances where decant takes place.



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