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I am responding to your request for information received 3 June 2025. 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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:** I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be grateful if you could provide the following data relating to your Trust's Mother and Baby Unit (MBU):

**Question 1: Serious incidents:**  
The number of serious incidents reported in the Mother and Baby Unit each year for the past five years (or for as many years as data is available, if it is fewer than five years).

**A brief description of each serious incident, if possible.**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1 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.*

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.

**Question 2: Incidents involving violence:**  
The number of incidents involving violence (including patient-on-patient, patient-on-staff, or other) in the MBU for each of the past five years.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 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.*

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.

**Question 3: Incidents where abuse was suspected:**  
The number of incidents where any form of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, or neglect) was suspected involving a baby in the unit (please anonymise any sensitive information).

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

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

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**Question 4: Patient complaints about staff neglect:**



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- a. **The number of complaints received from patients or their representatives relating to alleged neglect by staff in the MBU for each of the past five years.**
- b. **A summary of the nature of these complaints (e.g. delays in care, lack of supervision, failure to respond to needs).**
- c. **Whether any of these complaints led to formal investigations or disciplinary action.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4a, 4b and 4c 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 our incidents and complaints reporting system and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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