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I am responding to your request for information received 16 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

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Request: I am writing to ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I want to request the current antibiotic guidelines used within your Trust for orthopaedic patients undergoing treatment for:

1. Open fractures
2. Closed trauma
3. Elective orthopaedic surgery (e.g., joint replacement, planned internal fixation)

For each category, please provide the following:

Open Fractures

- First-line antibiotic(s)
- Second-line antibiotic(s) (e.g., for penicillin allergy or other contraindications)
- Number of doses and dosing schedule (e.g., once, 8-hourly for 24 hours, etc.)

Closed Trauma Surgery

- First-line antibiotic(s)
- Second-line antibiotic(s)
- Number of doses and dosing schedule

Elective Orthopaedic Surgery

- First-line prophylactic antibiotic(s)
- Second-line options (for allergy/MRSA risk)
- Number of doses and timing (e.g., single dose at induction, repeat dose if surgery >2 hours, etc.)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed 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 provide treatment services for open fractures, closed trauma or elective orthopaedic surgery. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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