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**Our reference: FOI DA5273R**

I am responding to your request for a further internal review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received on 18th March 2024. This was regarding our response on 18th April 2024

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.

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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**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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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.

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I understand that I can request that you review this answer and ask you to reconsider supplying photographs of you're seclusion rooms.

I have seen photographs online which support the view that there are old photographs in circulation of seclusion rooms which were taken some time ago and may have been taken for facilities management purposes previously.

If you could please review this response.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed its previous response and upholds its decision not to disclose the information requested under Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the photographs which have been requested and is therefore unable to provide this information.

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With regards to this point from your internal review request, it is beyond the scope of the Trust's Freedom of Information obligations to comment on the practices of other organisations. The responses of other trusts have no bearing on whether East London NHS Foundation Trust can provide this information.



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