

## NHS Foundation Trust Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 6<sup>th</sup> May 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,

**FOI Team** 

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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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Chair: Eileen Taylor

## Request:

I'm writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about reports of bullying and racism/racial discrimination amongst midwives working at your trust.

From 1 Jan 2020 up to and including 6 May 2025, can you please tell me the following:

Question 1:

How many reports of bullying have been made by midwives against other midwives (including student midwives on placement) at your trust? Please provide the outcomes of these.

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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide midwifery services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: How many reports of racism or racial discrimination have been made by midwives against other midwives (including student midwives on placement) at your trust? Please provide the outcomes of these.

Answer:

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

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Question 3: Have there been any dismissals in light of bullying reports? If so, when were these? Please provide the year.

Answer:

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

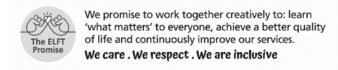
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Question 4: Have there been any dismissals in light of racism or racial discrimination reports? If so, when were these? Please provide the year.

The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Answer:

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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