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I am responding to your request for information received 18 February 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.

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to request the following information regarding your Trust's Surgical Hub(s) to gain clarity on governance structures, scope of practice, and performance measurement.

Question 1: Clinical & Financial Responsibilities

- **Who holds clinical accountability for the surgical hub's operations?**
- **Who holds financial accountability for the surgical hub's budget and procurement decisions?**
- **How is funding allocated between the hub and the wider trust**

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
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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide surgical hub services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Organisational Structure & Governance

- **Can you provide an organigram detailing the governance and reporting structure for the surgical hub?**
- **How does the surgical hub integrate with the broader Trust structure?**
- **Are there any external partnerships (e.g., with independent providers or regional collaborations)?**

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: Existing Scope of Practice

- **What surgical Urology, Gynaecology, General Surgery and ENT procedures are currently performed in the hub?**
- **What are the inclusion/exclusion criteria for cases managed within the hub?**
- **Are there any service limitations due to staffing, infrastructure, or policy constraints?**

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

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Question 4: Planned/Future Scope of Practice

- **Are there discussions around integrating additional specialties or increasing surgical capacity specifically in Urology, Gynaecology, General Surgery and ENT?**
- **Are there any future workforce or equipment investments planned to support hub expansion?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5: Success Metrics & Reporting Mechanisms

- **How is the hub's impact on elective recovery and patient outcomes measured?**

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