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I am responding to your request for information received 17 July 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

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Request:

Question 1: How many vacancies do you currently have for a) midwives; b) obstetricians? (And how many members of staff do you currently have in both those roles?)

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:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not employ midwives or obstetricians. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: What is the number of stillbirths and neonatal deaths recorded in your trust/board in each of the past 10 years? And what was the recorded ethnicity of those who died, if the data is available?

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: How many live births were recorded at your trust/board in each of the past 10 years?

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: What is the number of maternal deaths recorded in your trust/board in each of the past 10 years? And what was the recorded ethnicity of those who died?

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: How many medical negligence suits have arisen from incidents in your maternity department in each of the past 10 years?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6: How many resulted in a payment being made, and how much was paid out in each of the past 10 years?

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Question 7: How many third- and fourth-degree tears have you recorded for each of the past 10 years?

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Question 8: What are your current rates of forceps use, if you keep data on this?



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 9: What are your current rates of ventouse assisted deliveries, if you keep data on this?

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Question 10: How many emergency caesarean sections have you carried out in each of the past 10 years?

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Question 11: How many Maternal Request Caesareans were made to staff in each of the past 10 years, and how many were approved?

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Question 12: How much did your trust/board pay for use of interpreters in its maternity department in each of the past 10 years?

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Question 13: How many people have received treatment as part of any MMHS (Maternal Mental Health Service) in the past year?

Answer: 2425.

Question 14: How many people are on the waiting list to receive treatment from the MMHS right now? And how long is the average waiting time for treatment?

Answer: 327 patients are currently on the waiting list.
The average waiting time for treatment is 31 days.



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