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I am responding to your request for information received 3 July 2025. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

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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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
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Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: Please provide the total number of patients treated where wound care represented the primary reason for admission, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25. If available, please provide a breakdown of inpatients compared to outpatients/community visits.

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 wound care for patients when it is a primary reason for admission. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Please provide the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff delivering wound care services within your organisation, broken down by professional role (e.g. community nurse, tissue viability nurse, podiatrist), in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review multiples services that provide a multitude of pathways. This is estimated to take over 18 hours to collate.

If helpful, the Trust can only provide information based upon wound care delivered specifically by the Tissue Viability Team. If this is helpful then please submit a new request outlining your refined requirements.

Question 3: Please provide the number of Tissue Viability Nurses (TVNs) employed by your Trust, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Number of Tissue Viability Nurses (TVNs) employed
2021-22	20
2022-23	19
2023-24	22
2024-25	10

Question 4: What is the average waiting time for an initial wound care assessment in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25?



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Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Average waiting time for an initial wound care assessment (days)
2021-22	3.071
2022-23	3.027
2023-24	2.963
2024-25	3.218

Question 5: What is the average waiting time for a referral to a specialist tissue viability nurse in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25?

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Average waiting time for a specialist TVN (days)
2021-22	3.68
2022-23	4.53
2023-24	5.054
2024-25	4.51

Question 6a: Please provide the total number of patients referred from A&E or minor injury/urgent care units to any form of wound care service, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.

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

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Question 6b: Please provide the total number of A&E and minor injury/urgent care unit admissions in each financial year for comparison.

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

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Question 7: If available, please provide a breakdown of the nature of wounds or conditions most commonly referred to wound care services (e.g. pressure ulcers, leg ulcers, post-operative wounds, diabetic foot ulcers, traumatic wounds).

Answer: Please see table below:

Services	Number of patients referred to Wound Care Services in 2024								
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Diabetic foot ulcer	6	17	13	10	11	18	7	33	6
Leg ulcer assessment	109	99	86	133	121	96	89	52	95
Post-operative wound care	19	38	42	22	30	19	4	10	26
Traumatic wound	709	715	681	757	650	623	682	634	654
Total	843	869	822	922	812	756	782	729	781

Services	Number of patients referred to Wound Care Services in 2025						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Diabetic foot ulcer	10	21	29	8	3	10	6
Leg ulcer assessment	104	107	84	95	92	77	77
Post-operative wound care	17	23	27	23	23	22	10
Traumatic wound	727	667	686	583	522	506	295
Total	858	818	826	709	640	615	388

Question 8: Please provide total spend on wound management dressings via Part IXA of the drug tariff (see link below), in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.

<https://www.drugtariff.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/#/00726198-DD/DD00726112/Part%20IXA-%20Wound%20Management%20Dressings>

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review each provider invoice in detail across four financial years. This is estimated to take over 18 hours to collate.



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