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I am responding to your request for information received 24 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.

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.

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

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Request:

Question 1: The number of inpatient deaths that occurred at St. Clements Hospital, Bow in the year 2001.

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 no longer holds the information requested as it falls outside of the 20-year retention period. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Whether any of those deaths triggered a Serious Incident Review (SIR), internal clinical review, or similar investigation.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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 does not hold the information requested as the retention period for serious incident reviews is 20 years in line with NHS England guidelines. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Please refer to the document for further information:

https://transform.england.nhs.uk/media/documents/NHSE_Records_Management_CoP_2023_V5.pdf

Question 3: A copy of any relevant Trust policy in force at that time (2001) relating to the review or investigation of inpatient deaths in mental health settings.

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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(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 hold an incident policy from 2001 as requested as our archives go back to 2004. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: Whether there was a requirement in 2001 to report inpatient mental health deaths to external bodies (e.g. the Coroner, SHA, or Department of Health).



Answer: Yes there was a requirement in 2001 to report inpatient mental health deaths to external bodies.



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