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I am responding to your request for information received 8 October 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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:** Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can I request:

**Question 1:** In the years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, how many reports of rape or sexual assault were recorded in your hospitals? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year

**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 does not record whether the incident took place in a hospital. The Trust provides community health services in addition to inpatient services and the location of the incident is not recorded in the way you requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response to this part of your question.

Section 16(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Section 16 (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.*

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Trust has a duty to provide a reasonable level of advice and assistance. As such, the Trust can disclose the following information to assist you with your request.

The total number of sexual safety incidents in the Trust:  
2020/21 - 329  
2021/22 - 365  
2022/23 - 320  
2023/24 - 294  
2024/25 - 317

**Question 2:** Of the incidents recorded in Q1, how many were alleged to have been carried out by NHS staff? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year

**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—  
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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record whether the incident took place in a hospital. The Trust provides community health services in addition to inpatient services and the location of the incident is not recorded in the way you requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response to this part of your question.

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Total number of sexual safety incidents in the Trust alleged to have been carried out by NHS staff:

2020/21 – Four.  
2021/22 – Five.  
2022/23 – Four.  
2023/24 – Five.  
2024/25 – Seven

**Question 3: Of the incidents recorded in Q2, how many were alleged to have taken place on hospital wards? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year**

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record whether the incident took place on a hospital ward. The Trust provides community health services in addition to inpatient services and the location of the incident is not recorded in the way you requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 4: Of the incidents recorded in Q1, how many of these allegations were referred to the police? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year**

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record whether the incident took place on particular premises or whether the incident was referred to the police. The Trust provides community health services in addition to inpatient services and the location of the incident is not recorded in the way you requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 5: Of the incidents recorded in Q4, how many of these resulted in an arrest, charge, or conviction? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year**



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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record whether the incident took place on particular premises nor whether the incident was referred to the police and resulted in an arrest, charge or conviction. The Trust provides community mental health services in addition to inpatient services and the location of the incident is not recorded in the way you requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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