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I am responding to your request for information received 24 November 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: I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide data for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, unless otherwise specified.

Straight to Test (STT) Colonoscopy

Question 1: Does the Trust provide Straight to Test (STT) colonoscopy services for the suspected cancer referral pathway?

**If STT, are they spoken to first in a clinic appointment or are they sent straight to colonoscopy without discussion?
patients with IDA with positive FIT go to the IDA pathway or the lower GI pathway?**

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 colonoscopy services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA) Pathway

Question 2: Does the Trust have a specific iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) Faster Diagnostic Pathway (FDP)?

- If not, please confirm which pathway IDA patients are referred to (e.g., Lower GI, Upper GI, Gastroenterology, or Colorectal).
- If yes, which speciality manages this?

Number of referrals to the IDA pathway (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).

Number of colorectal cancers diagnosed via the IDA pathway (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).

Number of IDA pathway patients seen by the Colorectal team (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).

Number of IDA pathway patients seen by the Gastroenterology team (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).

Do patients with IDA with positive FIT go to the IDA pathway or the lower GI pathway?

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

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Lower GI Suspected Cancer Pathway

Question 3: Total number of Lower GI suspected cancer referrals (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).

Number of cancers diagnosed on the Lower GI suspected cancer referral pathway, categorised by site-specific cancer, including (but not limited to):

- **Colorectal**
- **Small bowel**
- **NTE (Neuroendocrine)**
- **Gastric**
- **Oesophageal**
- **Any other relevant categories**

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

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Colorectal Surgery Activity

Question 4: Total number of referrals to Colorectal Surgery (not including lower GI cancer referrals) (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).

Average waiting time for a Lower GI 2-week-wait (2WW) referral to first appointment.

Average waiting time for an urgent outpatient referral to Colorectal Surgery.

Average waiting time for a non-urgent outpatient referral to Colorectal Surgery.

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

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

Question 5: How many patients were diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) through the Lower GI Faster Diagnostic Pathway?

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

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