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I am responding to your request for information received 23 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
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: The number of reported incidents of racism/racist abuse towards staff by patients in 2022, 2023, 2024, and the first nine months of 2025. Can the data be categorised in calendar years please.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed Question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested for 2022 and 2023 is accessible here:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/anon_response_-_foi_da5298.pdf -

Year	Number of reported incidents of racist abuse towards staff.
2024	107
2025 to 30 September 2025	89

Question 2: From the figures given in question 1., can you specify how many of the reported incidents were
a) verbal and
b) physical assaults please.

Can the data be split with a) and b) columns and categorised in calendar years please.

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 record the information as the 'Racial Aggression' category isn't broken down further to verbal or physical assaults. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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