

9th January 2026

Our reference: FOI DA6377

I am responding to your request for information received 2nd December 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.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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: Identifying which children, within the past year, have been admitted and placed under Section 3, as well as those detained under forensic sections 37, 45A, 47, and 48, who would therefore have been eligible for the S117 offer.

There has been ongoing work regarding S117, particularly given the lack of an agreed pathway in Tower Hamlets and beyond. This is now being addressed through new NEL-level improvement work. To support this, we need to understand the local S117 cohort both LDA and non-LDA in order to identify who is eligible, who is receiving the offer, and who may not be.

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 is accessible here:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2026-01/section_117_policy_2.5.docx

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-02/section3.pdf>

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/form_a5_section_3_-application_by_nearest_relative_for_admission_for_treatment.pdf

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-03/form_a6_section_3_-application_by_an_approved_mental_health_professional_for_admission_for_treatment.docx

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-03/form_a7_section_3_-joint_medical_recommendation_for_admission_for_treatment.docx

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-03/form_a8_section_3_-medical_recommendation_for_admission_for_treatment.docx



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