

9th January 2026

Our reference: FOI DA6390

I am responding to your request for information received 11th December 2025. 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:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information regarding the use of 3D printing / additive manufacturing in orthopaedic trauma within your Trust.

If any part of my request exceeds the appropriate cost or time limits, I would be grateful if you could advise me on how to refine the request in accordance with Section 16 of the Act.

Please provide any recorded information you hold for the period 1 December 2015 – 1 December 2025, where applicable.

Question 1: FOI Question 1 – Case Numbers

Please provide the total number of orthopaedic trauma cases in which 3D printing was used at your Trust between 1st December 2015 and 1st December 2025, along with an annual breakdown of these cases.

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 3D printing services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: FOI Question 2 – Patient Demographics

For the cases identified above, please provide the number of patients by recorded gender (male, female, other) and the number of paediatric patients (<18 years), where recorded.

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

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Question 3: FOI Question 3 – Patient-Specific vs Generic 3D Printing

Please confirm whether your Trust currently uses 3D printing for:

- a) patient-specific models, and**
- b) generic or reusable surgical tools or guides, and**
- c) implants (temporary or permanent)**



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

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Question 4: FOI Question 4 – In-House Workflow

For any 3D printing performed in-house, please indicate which stages of the workflow are carried out internally (Imaging, Segmentation, Design, Manufacture, Quality Control, Operation), according to any recorded Standard Operating Procedures or workflow documentation.

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

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Question 5: FOI Question 5 – Imaging Modalities

Please list the imaging modalities used for 3D printing cases (CT, MRI, X-ray), including the approximate usage rate per case where available.

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

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