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I am responding to your request for information received 12th 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.

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,

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:

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Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Request: Sexual safety incidents

How many sexual safety incidents took place in trust premises since 1 Jan 2020 to date?

Question 1: Total

Answer: 2061 incidents

Question 2: Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by calendar year* (sexual safety incidents took place in trust premises)

***If your trust records this information in tax year, please provide the following yearly totals instead: 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 to date.**

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) 2024
- f) 2025 to date

Answer: 2020- 316 incidents
2021- 363 incidents
2022- 325 incidents
2023- 321 incidents
2024- 303 incidents
2025- 306 incidents

Question 3: Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by type of sexual safety incident - e.g. a) rape, b) sexual assault etc

- a) Rape
- b) Sexual assault
- c) Sexual harassment
- d) Stalking
- e) Abusive sexual remarks
- f) other

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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 by the categories requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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 following are types of sexual safety incident which are recorded.



Count of Sub category	
Incident type	Total number of incident
Actual sexual attack - by other on other	4
Actual sexual attack - by other on service user	28
Actual sexual attack - by other on staff	4
Actual sexual attack - by service user on other	33
Actual sexual attack - by service user on service user	51
Actual sexual attack - by service user on staff	240
Actual sexual attack - by staff on service user	9
Actual sexual attack - by staff on staff	1
by service user on service user	4
by service user on staff	15
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by other on other	9
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by other on service user	15
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by other on staff	19
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by service user on other	108
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by service user on service user	164
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by service user on staff	1210
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by staff on other	1
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by staff on service user	5
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by staff on staff	6
Verbal threats of sexual attack - by other on service user	1
Verbal threats of sexual attack - by other on staff	1
Verbal threats of sexual attack - by service user on other	5
Verbal threats of sexual attack - by service user on service user	9
Verbal threats of sexual attack - by service user on staff	119

Question 4: Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by age of victim in the following categories:

****If your trust records this information in different age categories, please provide any information on age of victim available.**

- a) under 18,
- b) 18-64
- c) 65 and over**

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



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Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review each of the sexual safety incidents, as the Trust only records dates of birth and not age. Therefore, to determine this information would require a review of each of the incidents in question which is estimated to take over 18 hours.

- Question 5: Please provide a breakdown of the total provided in question 1 by status of the victim and perpetrator in the following categories:**
- a) Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was staff member**
 - b) Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a member of the public (or patient)**
 - c) Perpetrator was a member of the public (or patient) and victim was a staff member**
 - d) Perpetrator was a staff member and victim was a member of the public (or patient)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 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 accurately record the information by the areas and categories requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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 following are types of sexual safety incident which are recorded.

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Actual sexual attack - by service user on staff	240



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Actual sexual attack - by staff on service user	9
Actual sexual attack - by staff on staff	1
by service user on service user	4
by service user on staff	15
Intrusive or inappropriate sexualised behaviour - by other on other	9
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Verbal threats of sexual attack - by service user on staff	119

Question 6: Please provide a breakdown of the total number of rapes since 1 Jan 2020 (i.e. the answer to 3.a) by the age of the rape victim in the following categories:
a) under 18,
b) 18-64
c) 65 plus**

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review each of the relevant sexual safety incidents, as the Trust does not record an incident as rape. Therefore, to determine this information would require a review of each of the incidents in question which is estimated to take over 18 hours.



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