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We are responding to your request for information received 26th January 2026. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, we have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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



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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:

Please provide the following information for your NHS trust's Mother and Baby Unit (East London Mother and Baby Unit) for the past five years (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25).

Question 1: The total number of referrals received for MBU assessment

Answer: Please see table below

Financial Year	Number of referrals receiving MBU assessment
2020/2021	129
2021/2022	33
2022/2023	51
2023/2024	75
2024/2025	89

Question 2: The total number of referrals that did not result in an MBU admission

Answer:

Financial Year	Number of referrals not resulting in MBU admission
2020/2021	120
2021/2022	109
2022/2023	49
2023/2024	61
2024/2025	47

Question 3: Of those non-admissions, the number where the reason recorded for non-admission was lack of available beds or capacity constraints (or any equivalent category used by the trust to describe capacity-related non-admission).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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 manually review each of the cases from each of the years in question. The Trust estimates that it would take over 18 hours to collate the relevant information.

