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We are responding to your request for information received 23rd February 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.

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:

Question 1: For the past three years for which full data is available, could you please provide procurement data including cost and number of units for the following items purchased by the Trust:

- Scissors, including surgical and disposable and single-use versions.
- Forceps, including artery or tissue forceps.
- Surgical clamps.
- Basic hollowware, including gallipots, kidney dishes, instrument trays and bowls.
- Single-use tourniquets.
- Harmonic shears.

For each item category, please provide for each year:

- Total number of units procured
- Total spend (£)
- Where recorded in procurement systems, whether the items were designated as single-use/disposable.

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 acute services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Total number of the following mobility aids procured:

- Crutches
- Walking frames
- Walking sticks

And for each of the above mobility aids:

- Total annual spend (£)
- If recorded centrally, the number of units refurbished or reissued through reuse schemes

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

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

In order to provide an accurate total number of mobility aids procured for individual service users, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information on spend or refurbishment and reissuing requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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