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We are responding to your request for information received 25th 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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request:

Question 1: Trust name

Answer: East London NHS Foundation trust

Question 2: How many clinical trials are being run at your trust currently?

Answer: 26 portfolio studies and nine non-portfolio studies.

Question 3: Which type of organisation best describes you?

Answer: Community Health Trust and Mental Health Trust

Question 4: Is your trust a teaching hospital and/or university affiliated?

Answer: Yes

Question 5: How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are employed by your trust?

Answer: 7257.66 FTE

Question 6: What demographic data do you collect for patients being treated at your trust and where is this recorded? (select all that apply)

- **Ethnicity**
- **Preferred language**
- **Religion or belief**
- **Sexual orientation**
- **Sex**
- **Gender**
- **Marital status**
- **Caring responsibilities**
- **Employment status**
- **Postcode**
- **Other socioeconomic indicators such as accommodation type or Area Deprivation Index**

Options

- **Not recorded**
- **Specific field in the EPR**
- **Elsewhere in the EPR**
- **Written/hard copy patient notes**
- **Other hospital system**

Answer

- Ethnicity - Specific field in the EPR
- Preferred language - Specific field in the EPR
- Religion or belief - Specific field in the EPR
- Sexual orientation - Specific field in the EPR
- Sex - Specific field in the EPR
- Gender - Specific field in the EPR
- Marital status - Specific field in the EPR
- Caring responsibilities – Elsewhere in the EPR (progress note which is not a structured data); Written/hard copy patient notes
- Employment status - Specific field in the EPR
- Postcode - Specific field in the EPR



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- Other socioeconomic indicators such as accommodation type - Specific field in the EPR
or
Area Deprivation Index - Not recorded

Question 7: If you selected 'other hospital system' for any of the categories in the previous question, please specify:

Answer Not applicable

Question 8: Where is demographic information sourced from? (select all that apply)

- New patient registration form
- Existing NHS records
- Referral letter
- Asking the patient directly
- Other (please specify)

Answer ELFT is a large Trust consisting of multiple mental and community health services spread over a large geographic area. As such, although there is standardisation over where demographic data is held in the EPR, each service will have its own processes to gather that data, certainly including all the options mentioned in the FOI request as well as demographic details synchronised from the NHS Spine. Each service also probably uses several of those options.

Question 9: Is the completeness of this data checked routinely?

Answer Yes

Question 10: How complete is the data?

- <25%
- 26-50%
- 51-75%
- >75%

Answer Please see below table as of 11th March 2026:

Demographic Measure	All Not Known / NULLS	Positive (Known)	Rate Group
Ethnicity	31%	69%	51-75%
LanguagePreferred	63%	37%	26-50%
Religion	71%	29%	26-50%
SexualOrientation	90%	10%	<25%
Gender	7%	93%	>75%
MaritalStatus	73%	4%	<25%
MainCarer	99.76%	0.24%	<25%
EmploymentStatus	89%	11%	<25%
PostcodeStatus	0.85%	99.15%	>75%
AccommodationType	92%	8%	<25%



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Question 11: Please provide any additional information/comments about the completeness of this data

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 11 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 requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 12: Are you aware of any challenges with the collection of demographic data at your Trust?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 12 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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