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We are responding to your request for information received 5^h March 2026. 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:

Please provide the following information for your Trust/hospital site(s) for the most recent complete 12-month period available (please state the exact start and end dates used). If your data are only available at Trust level (not site level), please provide Trust-level figures and state this explicitly.

Question 1: Surgical specialties in scope

Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below):

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas)
- Neurosurgery
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- ENT / Otolaryngology
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

If a specialty is not provided at your Trust/hospital site(s), please record 0 for that specialty and note “not provided”.

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

Question 2: Workforce (headcount)

For each specialty listed above, please provide:

- Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount)
- Number of SAS surgeons (headcount) (i.e., Specialty Doctor and Specialist grades)

Please provide a headcount (not WTE). If you can only provide WTE, please state that clearly.

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: Population served

Please provide the total population served by your Trust/hospital (the figure you use for planning/catchment), and specify the source/definition used (e.g., “ICS population”, “catchment population”, etc.).

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Question 4: Surgical admissions activity

Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) to all surgical specialties in scope (i.e., the combined total across the 10 specialties listed above) for the same 12-month period.

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