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We are responding to your request for information received 6th March 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
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: For years :
2024/25
2023/24
2022/23
2021/22
2020/21
2019/20

How many patient safety incidents met the requirements for the statutory duty of candour?

ANSWER: a number - eg. 10... for each of the 6 years requested.

Answer: We have identified the cases set out below as meeting the threshold for discussion with the service user, which we record under Duty of Candour. These do not necessarily meet the statutory requirement for Duty of Candour. We take this approach as a measure of transparency and as we wish to learn from incidents, including those where the statutory threshold is not met.

2024/25 – 504 incidents
2023/24 – 582 incidents
2022/23 – 729 incidents
2021/22 – 1002 incidents
2020/21 – 777 incidents
2019/20 – 461 incidents

Question 2: Across your surgical teams, do you have any surgeons that are currently internally suspended from carrying out their duties at your Trust?

ANSWER: yes OR no

If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did you inform the GMC or is it an internal matter?

ANSWER: GMC involved OR handled internally

If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did the RCS provide a report/advice/support in any capacity.

ANSWER: yes OR no

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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.



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