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We are responding to your request for information received 16th 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:

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information regarding recurrent miscarriage services at your trust.

Question 1: Does your trust operate a recurrent miscarriage clinic or specialist recurrent pregnancy loss service?

Answer: No

Question 2: If yes:

- a) The current average or median waiting time for a first appointment.**
- b) The longest waiting time currently recorded.**
- c) The number of patients currently waiting for a first appointment.**

Answer: Not applicable

Question 3: For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 please provide:

- a) The number of referrals received to the clinic.**
- b) The number of patients seen.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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 as the Trust does not operate such a clinic or service. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: What criteria are used for referral to the clinic (for example number of miscarriages required)?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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Question 5: If your trust does not operate a recurrent miscarriage clinic, where are patients typically referred?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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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.

Section 16(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 16 (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Trust has a duty to provide a reasonable level of advice and assistance. As such, the Trust can disclose the following information to assist you with your request.

The Trust does have Ocean services who provide mental health support for those experiencing birth loss or birth trauma. Please see the links below for further details.

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/services/ocean-mental-health-service-east-london>
<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/services/ocean-mental-health-service-bedfordshire-luton>



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