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We are responding to your request for information received 11th 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:

I write to ask for some information concerning the current and expected future provision of Community MS Services following the merger that has/will result in the Central East NHS ICB

Recent reports have suggested that there is intended to be a reduction in these services for people with MS (PwMS) and I would be grateful if you could inform if that will be the case and what you envision the new services to be.

As you know, given the progressive and fluctuating nature of the condition, timely access to community support is vital for maintaining independence and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions and we are concerned that if there is a reduction/closure in these services the future health outcomes of our community may be put at risk

I would appreciate information on the following

Question 1: Is there intended to be a reduction or closure of Community MS services within this region?

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 does not record the information requested and 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 Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) ICB will be best placed to process your request. Please contact blmkicb.contactus@nhs.net.

Question 2: If so was there a risk assessment/impact assessment completed?. If so please provide details

Answer: Not applicable

Question 3: How has information on this potential reduction/closure of services been communicated to service users?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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