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We are responding to your request for information received 18th 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:

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Request:

Question 1: Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out lumbar punctures (cerebrospinal fluid) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

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 lumbar puncture services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations to which the Trust refers patients for lumbar puncture procedures in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

Question 5:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2025-07/anon_response_-_foi_da6107.pdf

Question 3: How many lumbar puncture procedures to test for Alzheimer's Disease were performed in the last three-month period for which data are available?

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

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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Question 7:

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Question 4: Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out Blood Biomarker (BBM) tests for diagnosing NHS patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

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

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Question 2:

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Question 5: Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers Blood Biomarker tests for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease for NHS patients.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3:

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Question 6: Please provide the number of BBM tests for Alzheimer's Disease conducted over the last three-months, regardless of whether they were carried out within your organisation or sent to an external pathology laboratory

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 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 conduct blood-based biomarker(BBBM) tests for Alzheimer's Disease nor send to an external pathology laboratory. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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Question 7: Which of the following biomarker tests were used to detect Alzheimer's Disease?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4:

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Question 8: Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers samples for pTau181 and pTau217 immunoassay testing for Alzheimer's Disease?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not conduct nor refer pTau181 or pTau217 immunoassay tests for Alzheimer's Disease as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 9: How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 9 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 10: Is pTau181 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 10 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6:

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Question 11: How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 11 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 12: How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

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

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Question 8:

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Question 13: Is pTau217 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 13 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 9:

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Question 14: How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial?

Answer The Trust has reviewed question 14 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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Question 10:

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Question 15: Does your organisation participate in any of the following clinical trials?

Clarification: I would be grateful if you could provide clinical trial participation in relation to Alzheimer's Disease. Any involvement in clinical trials for Alzheimer's Disease, whether it is upcoming or ongoing.

Answer

	Yes / No
READ-OUT	
ADAPT	
Other(s) please specify below:	

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Question 11:

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Question 16: Which of the following metrics are used by the Trust to measure Blood Biomarkers in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease?

Answer

	Yes / No
Number of tests	
Number of kits	
Number of runs	



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Number of units	
Number of patients	

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Question 12a:

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