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We are responding to your request for information received 21st May 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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the structure and governance of specialist maternity continuity of care services within your Trust.
Please could you provide responses to the following questions:

Question 1: Does your Trust have a dedicated high-risk continuity of care team (or caseload midwifery team) for women and birthing people experiencing mental health conditions and/or safeguarding concerns (e.g. domestic violence, substance or alcohol misuse)?

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

Question 2: If yes, does this continuity/caseload team have a designated team leader or maternity practice leader at Band 7 or above who is solely responsible for this team (i.e. not managing additional clinical or operational teams), for example a mental health specialist midwife or equivalent?

Answer: Not applicable

Question 3: If no dedicated team leader exists, please state who holds operational and clinical management responsibility for the team (e.g. community midwifery manager, consultant midwife, safeguarding midwife lead, etc.).

Answer: Not applicable

Question 4: Where no dedicated team leader is in place, how does the Trust manage:
o Clinical risk oversight
o Staff appraisal and professional development
o Supervision and support for specialist midwives working in this role

Answer: Not applicable

Question 5: Is this service funded through Birthrate Plus staffing recommendations, or does it require additional or separate funding (e.g. Integrated Care System funding, borough-level funding, specialist commissioning, or other arrangements)?

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 6: What is the current caseload ratio for midwives within this team (e.g. 1:30, 1:48, etc.)?

Answer Not applicable

Question 7: Does this continuity of care team provide intrapartum (labour and birth) care as part of their caseload model?

Answer Not applicable



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