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We are responding to your request for information received 15th June 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.

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Request:

I am conducting analysis on the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and would be grateful if you could answer the questions below for all relevant activity within the Trust.

Question 1: I would be grateful if you could send the most recent planning document(s) for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, whether these are from the Trust, Integrated Care Board (ICB), or the region. I am particularly interested in planning documents that cover lumbar punctures (CSF) and Blood Biomarker testing.

Answer: The Trust does not have a strategic or operational planning document for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.

Question 2: To what extent are there plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Implementation of plans has started	
A plan exists and implementation has not started	
A plan is being developed	
There is no plan	
Other – please state	

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:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: Are the plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease related to:

	Yes / No
Cognitive assessment services	
Biomarker services	
None / neither	

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



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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 13:

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

Question 4: Which of the following services does the Trust have in place in preparation for increased service delivery for Alzheimer's Disease?

	Related to administration of lumbar punctures Yes / No	Related to Blood Biomarker testing Yes / No
Budget		
People		
Training		
Clinic space / capacity		
Governance arrangements		

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

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The information requested is accessible here:

Question 14:

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

Question 5: How many lumbar puncture procedures to test for Alzheimer's Disease were performed in the last three-month period for which data are available?

	Number of procedures
Number of lumbar punctures	

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 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 lumbar puncture procedures. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

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.

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of Blood Biomarker tests			

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

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

	Yes / No
pTau181 immunoassay tests	
pTau217 immunoassay tests	

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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?

Full name of Trust or organisation(s)

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

Number of pTau181 tests	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 9 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 pTau181 immunoassay testing. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

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

pTau181 Testing associated with clinical trial activity	Yes / No



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 10 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 pTau181 immunoassay testing. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

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

Answer:	Number of pTau181 tests	
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Question 12: How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

Number of pTau217 tests	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector

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

pTau217 Testing associated with clinical trial activity	Yes / No

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

Number of pTau217 tests	
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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 14 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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