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We are responding to your request for information received 17th July 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 regarding the operation of the Pathology Laboratories within your organisation.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested in the questions below. We appreciate that there may be limits to what can be disclosed, so any information you can share would be greatly appreciated.

Question 1: Which hospitals are part of your Trust or Health Board?

Answer: Please see attached: <https://www.elft.nhs.uk/service-search>

Question 2: Which of these hospitals have Pathology Laboratories?

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:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not have pathology laboratories. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response

Question 3: Which National Pathology Network does your organisation belong to?

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

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Question 4: Does your Pathology service operate in partnership with any other NHS Trusts or laboratories? If yes, please provide details.

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 5: What Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS/LIS) is currently used by your Pathology service? Please include the supplier and product name where possible.

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: Is your LIMS/LIS deployed as:

- o A single-site instance**
- o A Trust-wide solution**
- o A Pathology Network-wide solution**
- o Other (please specify)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 7: When is the current LIMS/LIS contract due to expire? If known, please also provide any extension options.

Answer: Not Applicable

Question 8: Do you operate Blood Transfusion Laboratories? If so, at which hospital sites?

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 9: Do you currently use an Electronic Blood Tracking solution? If yes, please state the supplier and product name.



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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: Do you use a dedicated Transfusion Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS/LIS)? If yes, please state the supplier and product name.

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 11: Is there an individual or team responsible for leading Digital Transformation within Pathology or Diagnostics? If possible, please provide
Name (where this is publicly disclosable under the FOI Act)
Job title
Department**

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

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