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We are responding to your request for information received 31st 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:

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 am writing under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to formally request information regarding how your Trust delivers pathology and laboratory services.
For each of the broad test categories listed below, I would like to receive data covering the following financial years (1 April to 31 March): FY2019/20, FY2020/21, FY2021/22, FY2022/23, FY2023/24 and FY2024/25
The broad test categories are:

Question 1: For each of the broad test categories listed below, I would like to receive data covering the following financial years (1 April to 31 March): FY2019/20, FY2020/21, FY2021/22, FY2022/23, FY2023/24 and FY2024/25
The broad test categories are:

- Haematology and coagulation
- Blood bank
- Clinical Biochemistry
- Microbiology & Virology
- Immunology
- Histopathology & Cellular Pathology (including Cytology)
- Genetics & Molecular Pathology
- Point of Care Testing (POCT)

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 pathology and laboratory services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: For each category above, please could you provide:

Test volumes: the total number of tests/samples processed, by year, for each of the years listed above.

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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Question 3: For each category above, please could you provide:

Service delivery model: whether the category is delivered *in-house*, via a *joint venture/partnership*, or *fully outsourced* to a third party, and the name of the partner organisation, JV entity, or outsourced provider in each case.



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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: For each category above, please could you provide:

Contract details: the name of the current contract holder/provider, the contract start date, and the date the contract is next due for renewal or re-tender

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

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