

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 5 October 2020. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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:

Dear FOI team,

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding forensic services in your trust.

Question 1. Please provide information around how you have determined safe staffing levels for the forensic care you provide. For each level, please provide minimum staffing day and night per staff category (Medical, nursing, healthcare assistants, therapeutic, etc). Are there days when you do not meet your minimum staffing levels? How often is that per month? Please split between:

- **High secure**
- **Medium secure**
- **Low secure**

Answer: The Trust's safer staffing levels are published on our website here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/About-Us/Safer-Staffing-Levels>

Question 2. Please fill in the attached excel with whole time equivalent (WTE) per ward per staff category:

- **Medical**
- **Nursing**
- **Healthcare Assistants and other support staff**
- **Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical Staff**

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

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act 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 him.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the information in the detail you have requested. Staff in the Forensic directorate are not allocated to work on one ward and as such, it is not possible to break down WTE per ward.

It is possible to provide the WTE per staff category across the Forensic directorate. If you would like this information, please let us know.