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I am responding to your request for information received 27 April 2021. I am sincerely 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,

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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:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you supply responses to the following questions please:

Question 1. The number of Full time (FT) and Part Time (PT) employees in your Trust in:

- a. **March 2020 (Total number; split into Medical and Support staff)**
- b. **March 2021 (Total number; split into Medical and Support staff)**

Answer: Please see table below:

2020. Employee Category	Medical	Support Staff	Grand Total
Full Time	3530	1033	4563
Part Time	1092	327	1419
Grand Total	4622	1360	5982
2021. Employee Category	Medical	Support Staff	Grand Total
Full Time	3742	1125	4867
Part Time	1177	314	1491
Grand Total	4919	1439	6358

Question 2. The number of Trust employees absent from work during the months March 2020 to March 2021 inclusive, in the following format:

If the data is held weekly, then please average the numbers across the month or provide the weekly data if easier.

Answer: Please see table below:

	Total absence	COVID Related
Mar-20	765	666
Apr-20	887	539
May-20	492	180
Jun-20	613	112
Jul-20	575	59
Aug-20	541	51
Sep-20	762	152
Oct-20	811	261
Nov-20	843	326
Dec-20	994	539
Jan-21	1122	662
Feb-21	572	176
Mar-21	631	163
Grand Total	9608	3886

The Trust is unable to provide the number of employees absent from the Trust during this period as the information is not held in the format requested. It is, however, able to disclose the total number of occurrences. Please note this also includes staff who are shielding.

Question 3. The number of Trust employees absent from work due to a Test and Trace requirement to isolate. As above, if the data is held weekly then please average the numbers across the month or provide the weekly data if easier.

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	Total
Jun-20	2
Jul-20	1
Aug-20	2
Sep-20	6
Oct-20	13
Nov-20	13
Dec-20	22
Jan-21	23
Feb-21	8
Mar-21	1
Grand Total	91

Question 4. The total number of beds across the Hospital(s) in your Trust

Answer: There are 883 hospital beds across the Trust.

Question 5. The total number of beds unused due to Covid-19 infection control measures (commonly referred to as 'red'/'green' pathways). Please provide these figures month by month from March 2020 to March 2021.

Answer: 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 him.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

The number of unused beds has changed frequently during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure a safe environment for patients, staff and visitors. Closures have taken place when necessary based on the need for safe staffing numbers and the requirement to segregate COVID positive and negative patients. This has resulted in some beds being temporarily unavailable at certain times. During the pandemic the Trust also increased capacity by jointly opening up step-down beds with North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT). All ELFT wards are currently open.

Question 6. The number of retired staff returning to the Trust from March 2021 onwards to practice during Covid-19.

Answer: Zero retired staff returning to the Trust from March 2021 onwards to practice during Covid-19.

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