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I am responding to your request for information received on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

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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**Request:**

**I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:**

**Swab management and disposal system in the operating theatres:**

- 1- What swab disposal system and manufacturer is currently used in your hospital(s) etc. swabesafe sytem, bag system,..?**
- 2- How long have you been using your current swab disposal system?**
- 3- Are you currently or will be in near future considering switching to different swab disposal system?**
- 4- How many swab related incident (etc. unintentional retained swab) recorded in your hospital(s) over a three year period immediately before using your current swab disposal system?**
- 5- How many swab related incident (etc. unintentional retained swab) recorded in your hospital(s) over a three year period immediately after using your current swab disposal system?**
- 6- How many swab related incident (etc. unintentional retained swab) recorded in your hospital(s) from 01/01/2015 till 31/12/2019?**
- 7- How much is the cost of your current swab disposal system?**

**Answer:**

The East London NHS Foundation Trust provides Mental Health and Community Services. We are not an Acute Trust and believe your request for information does not apply to us.