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I am responding to your request for information received **7th September 2022**. 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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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: For:
Tax year 2018/19
Tax year 2019/20
Tax year 2020/21

Question 1: What was the total combined confirmed number of annual deaths by suicide that occurred while the patient was under the care of mental health services (any age) and learning disabilities' inpatient services?

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 them.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not centrally record confirmed suicides. The Trust records alleged suicides on an incident recording system, however these are recorded as alleged and not confirmed.

The Trust will only know if the suicide is confirmed by a coroner if it is involved in an inquest. The Trust therefore does not record if all in patient suicides are confirmed and cannot provide this information to you.

Question 2: Of the number of deaths by suicide enumerated above (for question 1), what was the total combined confirmed number of annual deaths by suicide that occurred within a ward where an anti-ligature alarmed door was installed?

Question 3: Of the number of deaths by suicide† (confirmed by coroner) enumerated above (for question 2), how many deaths involved using an anti-ligature alarmed door as a fixed point for a ligature?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 2 and 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have anti-ligature alarmed doors and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: What was the total combined number of bed days for patients (of any age) treated within your mental health and learning disabilities' inpatient services?

Answer: Please see table below with figures as at 21/09/2022.

Year	Bed Days
2018-2019	274970
2019-2020	288384
2020-2021	253497



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Question 5: What was the total number of inpatient wards within your mental health and learning disabilities' inpatient services††?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible via the following link, where you can find information about all our services including all our wards:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/service-search?keys=wards>

Question 6: What was the total combined number of anti-ligature alarmed doors installed within your mental health (all ages) and learning disabilities' inpatient services?

Question 7: What was the cost of installing anti-ligature alarmed doors (inclusive of all associated costs with installation) within your mental health (all ages) and learning disabilities' inpatient services††? If costs for this occurred prior to the tax year 2018/19 please enter them in

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 6 and 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 8: What was the total amount of money spent on anti-ligature products/works within your NHS trust? If costs for this occurred prior to the tax year 2018/19 please enter them in the box for the tax year 2018/19 and state which year they were incurred.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record spend for anti-ligature products broken down to a level that would separate them from other products and categories of spend. We are therefore unable to provide a response.



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