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I am responding to your request for information received 18 March 2024 which you clarified on 18 March. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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.

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Request: I wish to make a formal information request regarding the daily cost of holding someone under Section under the Mental Act 1983 on wards run by the East London Foundation Trust?

Question 1: I would like the most recent data available which I recognise may be for 2022-23 not 2023-24.

This figure should include all costs including for example (but as a non-exhaustive list), accommodation, building maintenance, medicines, food staffing including both clinical staff and healthcare support staff but also cleaners and anyone who comes into contact with the ward, the cost of transferring people to the ward and home when they are discharged, additional on or off-site activities including equipment needed and the cost of utilities.

There may be some variations per person so an average would be acceptable. (This should be the cost per person every 24 hours they are held on one of your wards)

Answer: The daily cost for holding someone under the Mental Health Act 1983, is circa £500 based on 2022-23 prices.

Please note, this is based on information gathered for the PLICS submission.

Question 2: The average length of the stay of a patient who has been Sectioned, either under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 or under Section 3 of the Mental Act 1983.

A combined total will suffice, I do not need a breakdown between the categories.

Clarification: Please provide separate data for both categories so one average time period for people held under a section 2 and one average time period for people held under a section 3.

Answer: Please see table below:

Legal Status On Admission	Average Length Of Stay (days)
Section 2	39
Section 3	109

Question 3: Please provide separate information on the average length of time voluntary patients are held on Mental Health Wards run by the East London Foundation Trust.

Clarification: Apologies, I meant voluntary patients not involuntary.

Answer: Please see table below:

Legal Status On Admission	Average Length Of Stay (days)
Informal	35

Question 4: and the number of involuntary patients currently being held on Mental Health Wards run by the East London Foundation Trust.

Answer: There are currently 818 patients on a section held on a mental health ward at the Trust.

