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I am responding to your request for information received 10 April 2024. 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.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

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.

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



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**Request:**

**Question 1: How many patients received a urinary catheter in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:  
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to conduct a manual audit of records and this is estimated to take over eighteen hours to collate.

**Question 2: How many Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:  
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to conduct a manual audit of records and this is estimated to take over eighteen hours to collate.

**Question 3: How many urinary tract infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:  
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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**Question 4: What was the total cost of urinary tract infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:  
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**Question 5: How many prescriptions were dispensed in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

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

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 record the information requested. When items are dispensed for patients the reason why it has been prescribed (the indication) is not recorded and often the precise indication for antibiotics is not known. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 6: How many patients received antibiotics in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:  
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prescribed (the indication) is not recorded and often the precise indication for antibiotics is not known. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 7: How many patients received two or more antibiotics in relation to a single Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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