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I am responding to your request for information received 13 May 2024. 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

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:** I am requesting the following information on local healthcare and support service provision for multiple myeloma patients as part of a wider project (funded by Myeloma UK). Please provide the following information:

**Question 1: As of 1 Jan 2024:**

**a. Total population size served by Regional Board.**

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and not a Regional Board. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**b. Number of hospitals providing oncology services.**

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

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**c. Total number of consultant haematologists employees; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.**

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

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**Question 2: During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec), please provide the:**

**a) Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed (Please state which code(s) were used)**

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

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**b) If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?**

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

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**c) How many in-person haematology-based consultation/telephone haematology-based consultations/ video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?**

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

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**Question 3: During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec):**

**a) Were multiple myeloma (MM) patients discussed/reviewed at a MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?**

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



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**b) How frequently did MDT meetings meet?**

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

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**c) What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed/discussed at a MDT?**

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**d) Which professionals/disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?**

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

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**e) What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients**



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