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I am responding to your requests for information received 28 May. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing an aggregated 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

Question 1: How many elective operations were cancelled for a non-clinical reason at the Trust in 2021/22, broken down by reason for cancellation? I have provided a table for ease of response:

Reason for cancellation	Number
Lack of beds	
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	
Staffing issues	
Equipment failures	
Emergency case took priority	
Adverse weather	
Booking / admin error	
Case note unavailable	
Other reasons	
Total	

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide operative services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: How many elective operations were cancelled for a non-clinical reason at the Trust in 2022/23, broken down by reason for cancellation? I have provided a table for ease of response:

Reason for cancellation	Number
Lack of beds	
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	
Staffing issues	
Equipment failures	
Emergency case took priority	
Adverse weather	
Booking / admin error	
Case note unavailable	
Other reasons	
Total	

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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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Question 3: How many elective operations were cancelled for a non-clinical reason at the Trust in 2023/24, broken down by reason for cancellation? I have provided a table for ease of response:

Reason for cancellation	Number
Lack of beds	
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	
Staffing issues	
Equipment failures	
Emergency case took priority	
Adverse weather	
Booking / admin error	
Case note unavailable	
Other reasons	
Total	

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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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