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I am responding to your request for information received 20 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

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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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Chief Executive Officer: Lorraine Sunduza

Chair: Eileen Taylor

Request: Please provide:

Question 1: Gender reassignment and/or transgender guidance and policies relating

to staff.

The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Answer:

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 here:

Diversity, Equality, and Human Rights Policy 2023 v4.1.docx (live.com)

Question 2: Gender reassignment and/or transgender guidance and policies relating

to patients including policies on mixed sex /same sex accommodation.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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 here:

Same-Sex Accommodation (DSSA) Policy

Transgender Policy

Please note: the policies are currently in the process of being reviewed and updated and updated versions will be available in due course and published on the Trust's Policies and Procedures page.

Question 3: Related Equality Impact Assessments if separate.

The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Answer:

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 currently have a completed Equality Impact Assessment as it is being compiled. The Trust is therefore

unable to provide a response.

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