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**Our reference: FOI DA5390a**

I am responding to your request for information received 4 June 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:

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Cheshire  
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Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:** Thanks for sharing the link to the Judiciary website. However, this response does not provide access to the information that is being requested due to the following reasons:

1. The Judiciary website contains coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths reports (PFDs) that have been sent by local coroners or coroners' offices to the Chief Coroner's Office for publication. It, therefore, does not contain all PFDs that East London NHS Foundation Trust has directly received from coroners as requested.
2. The search function on the Judiciary website is not sophisticated enough to account for the spelling errors and inconsistencies in reporting recipients' names that result from the manual writing and publication of reports.
3. To identify PFDs where East London NHS Foundation Trust is listed as an 'interested person' within the document, these are only 'searchable' on the Judiciary website from January 2023 onwards when the Chief Coroner's Office started publishing the full text of reports online. Therefore, the request for the total number of PFDs where East London NHS Foundation Trust was copied for information as an 'interested person' is not accessible from the link shared.

**Question 1:** The initial request did not seek copies of each PFD received; rather, it requested a summarised annual count of the total number of PFDs that East London NHS Foundation Trust has directly received as a listed addressee and copied for information as an interested person.

Could I please request this information from 2015 until May 2024 (or the most recent data available), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year?

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Calendar Year	PFD directly received	PFD received as interested person / copied in
2015	0	1
2016	3	0
2017	8	0
2018	1	0
2019	2	1
2020	1	0
2021	4	1
2022	5	1
2023	5	3
2024 – to 30 June 2024	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>



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**Original Request DA5390: Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting data relating to coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths reports (PFDs or Reg 28 letters) received by the East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELNFT). Can I please request the following:**

**Question 1: The total number of PFDs where the ELNFT was a listed addressee from inception (July 2013) until April 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).**

**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 does not have any PFDs for 2013 and 2014 as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response concerning this part of the request.

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 remainder of the relevant requested information is available here:

From 2015 – to date:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/coroners-courts/reports-to-prevent-future-deaths/>

**Question 2: The total number of PFDs where the ELNFT was copied for information in as an 'interested person' from inception (July 2013) until April 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).**

**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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