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I am responding to your request for information received 14 June 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.

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

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Request:

- Question 1: The number of doctors who have been subjected to formal disciplinary processes, including MHPS, for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - 2024 so far
 - 2023-2024
 - 2022-2023
 - 2021-2022
 - 2020-2021

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Number of doctors in formal disciplinary process for the described offences
2024 so far	0
2023-2024	0
2022-2023	0
2021-2022	0
2020-2021	0

- Question 2: The number of doctors who have been referred to the General Medical Council (GMC) for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - 2024 so far
 - 2023-2024
 - 2022-2023
 - 2021-2022
 - 2020-2021
- Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Number of doctors referred to GMC for the described offences
2024 so far	0
2023-2024	0
2022-2023	0
2021-2022	0
2020-2021	0

- Question 3: The number of nurses who have been subjected to formal disciplinary processes, including MHPS, for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:
 - 2024 so far
 - 2023-2024
 - 2022-2023
 - 2021-2022
 - 2020-2021
- Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record this category as a headline reason for disciplinary cases nor does it separately record disciplinary information on nurses. The Trust therefore does not record the information requested and is unable to provide a response.

Question 4: The number of nurses who have been referred to the Nursing and Midwifery Council for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:

- 2024 so far
- 2023-2024
- 2022-2023
- 2021-2022
- 2020-2021

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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 this category as a headline reason for disciplinary cases nor does it separately record disciplinary information on nurses. The Trust therefore does not record the information requested and is unable to provide a response.

Question 5: The number of non-medical staff who have been disciplined for taking / removing prescription medication not prescribed to them stored in the hospital / GP practice in the following time frames:

- 2024 so far
- 2023-2024
- 2022-2023
- 2021-2022
- 2020-2021
- Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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