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I am responding to your request for information received 24 July 2024 and clarified on 29 July. 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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Request: The requested data would be as follows:

Question 1: The estimated number of children currently living with heart defects and/or tube feeding issues (separated into three groups: children with only heart defect/children with only tube feeding issues/children with both).

Answer: Please see table below:

Category	Number of children
Children with only heart defect	<p>The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 40 for the FOI Act states:</p> <p><i>(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.</i></p> <p>In order to provide the information requested, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.</p>
Children with only tube feeding issues	109
Children with both	<p>The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 40 for the FOI Act states:</p> <p><i>(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.</i></p> <p>In order to provide the information requested, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.</p>



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Question 2: The number of children with these conditions who have received at-home support services in the last five years (broken down by total number per year for the last five years).

Clarification: At-home support services would primarily refer to any respite care services the patients receive at home.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of unique CYPs who received support at home	56	68	79	87	111	112

Question 3: The number of children with these conditions currently awaiting at-home support services (broken down by total number per year for the last five years).

Clarification: At-home support services would primarily refer to any respite care services the patients receive at home.

Answer: No children with these conditions are currently awaiting at home support services.

Question 4: The number of children with these conditions who have requested at-home support services (broken down by total number per year for the last five years).

Clarification: At-home support services would primarily refer to any respite care services the patients receive at home.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Of those CYPs currently in receipt of at-home services, breakdown of how many CYPs received at-home support	54	64	74	81	102	104

Question 5: The estimated number of children with these conditions who are eligible for at-home support services (broken down by total number per year for the last five years).

Clarification: At-home support services would primarily refer to any respite care services the patients receive at home.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 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 the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 6: Additionally, I would appreciate any insights into the challenges associated with finding or extrapolating this data, such as variations in assessments/criteria or inconsistencies in data tagging of patients.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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