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I am responding to your request for information received 13 August 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
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SK9 5AF

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Request:

Question 1: How many inpatient beds do you have for acute mental health patients. Please provide data from 2016-2024

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of adult acute inpatient beds
2016	489
2017	475
2018	444
2019	464
2020	465
2021	465
2022	473
2023	473
2024	473

Question 2: How many patients have you admitted per year with Bipolar as the primary diagnosis?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number admitted diagnosed with bipolar diagnosis
2016	497
2017	430
2018	471
2019	472
2020	449
2021	430
2022	389
2023	407
2024	186

Please note that within a given year each service user is only counted once.

Question 3: How many of your patients are readmitted with bipolar within 12 months of an initial admission. Please provide data on an annual basis from 2016 until this year.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(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.

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.



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Question 4: How many referrals does your secondary care psychiatric unit receive from primary care that notes bipolar as the primary reason for the referral? Please provide data for each year from 2016 until this year

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 the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: Please provide the number of referrals from primary care that state bipolar as the primary reason for referral that are subsequently diagnosed with bipolar ... data for each year from 2016 until this year

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

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Question 6: Please provide the number of referrals from primary care that state bipolar as the primary reason for referral that are refused ... data for each year from 2016 until 2024

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

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

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Question 7: How many shifts have you failed to fill for mental health nurses within the inpatient hospital per year? 2016 to 2023

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 8: How many patients with bipolar do you currently have registered? For 2023 vs 2016.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of patients with Bipolar diagnosis
2016	2148
2023	2449

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