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I am responding to your request for information received 9 October 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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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request information about epidurals requested by women in labour.

Please provide the following information broken down by each full calendar year 2019-2023 inclusive, and all available information for the calendar year 2024 so far:

These figures should not include women who received an epidural during a planned or emergency Caesarean section.

Question 1: The total number of women in labour who requested an epidural for pain relief.

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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide maternity services nor does it administer epidurals for pain relief. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: The total number of women in labour who received an epidural for pain relief.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 3: The number of women who did not receive the epidural requested.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 4: The number of women who received the epidural within 30 minutes of making the request (0-30 minutes inclusive).

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 5: The number of women who received the epidural within 60 minutes of making the request (0-60 minutes inclusive).

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 6: The number of women who received the epidural later than 60 minutes after making the request (61 minutes and above).

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 7: The longest recorded epidural waiting time.

Answer: Not applicable.



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