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I am responding to your request for information received 14<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:**

**Question 1:** Please can you confirm if there are any plans for new bedspaces to be created within your trust in the next five years? This can be either proposed at a discussion point or a more formal stage of the decision process. I would like to capture new treatment areas or areas that would offer both day or overnight bed spaces.

If so, please could you record the proposed site and an estimated number of additional beds to be added per year. Any example response would be as follows:

2025 - example general hospital 20 bed

2026 - example wing 45 beds

2027 - example new site 30 beds

**Answer:** The Trust has an aspiration for a new mental health inpatient facility at the Bedfordshire Health Village in Bedford. This would be approximately 80 beds. However, as funding is not yet determined, the Trust is unable to provide dates.

**Question 2:** Please can you confirm if there are any proposed new theatres planned to be created within your trust in the next five years. Please use the example format highlighted in Q1.

**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:

*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 theatre services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 3:** Please can you confirm if any of your current bed spaces or theatres are planned to be moved into a new building or area in the next 5 years. Please use the example format highlighted in Q1

**Answer:** The Trust has no current plans to move existing bed spaces to a new area or building within the next five years.

**Question 4:** If questions 1-3 have highlighted a response that confirms new facilities, please could you confirm which organisation has been authorised to lead on the work if the project has reached the stage of awarding.

**Answer:** As funding is not yet determined, the Trust is unable to provide names of the organisation that will lead on the project.

