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**Our reference: FOI DA5785**

I am responding to your request for information received 20 December 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  
Cheshire  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Question 1: The number and type of inpatient mental health wards managed by your organisation (e.g 2 older adult inpatient wards, 1 PICU, 3 acute inpatient wards etc).**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

The information requested is accessible here:

Question 2:

[https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-12/anon\\_response\\_-\\_foi\\_da5110.pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-12/anon_response_-_foi_da5110.pdf)

Please note all inpatient mental health wards are for adults.

**Question 2: How many patients have been enterally fed on these wards, by quarter, since January 2023.**

**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 does not centrally record the information on the Trust's clinical system and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Staff on individual wards will perform manual checks on patients that have been enterally fed.

**Question 3: How many of these patients were detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.**

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

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**Question 4: How is enteral feeding recorded on the electronic patient records, for example RiO and ePMA?**

Answer: Enteral Feeding is captured via the Enteral Feeding and Enteral Feeding Requirements Assessment Forms on the Trust's clinical system RiO.

The Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (EPMA) system, has a dedicated 'Nasogastric', 'PEG tube' and 'RIG tube' routes of administration that can be used to prescribe enteral feeding on a patient's electronic chart.

**Question 5: If no patients were enterally fed on inpatient mental health wards within the last 24 months, is this because of an exclusion criteria, i.e. if this treatment was clinically indicated would a patient be transferred to a different setting? If so, what is the rationale for this please.**

Answer: Patients that require enteral feeding on inpatient wards will be transferred to an acute setting with mental health input.



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