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By Email: vanessafillis.journalism@gmail.com

Dear Ms Fillis,

I am responding to your request for information received 8 April 2021. 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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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:

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, the following information for adult mental health services in East London NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 1. The number of nurses or support workers who support patients regarding their housing while they are inpatient in a mental health unit. These could be housing officers, housing support workers, special housing nurses, or similar professions that are specialised in housing support.

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

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act 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 him.

There are no numbers held in regard to the number of staff who support patients regarding housing when discharged from an inpatient ward. In all areas, nurses would be involved in identifying housing issues on admission and working with the community care co-ordinator/local authority/housing department to secure housing.

Question 2. The protocol for discharging homeless patients or patients who face homelessness after their discharge. Please provide a document with the discharge policy or, if there is no document, please state what the protocol is.

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

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There is no protocol regarding No Fixed Abode (NFA) discharged. The information is not held and therefore, not disclosable.

Question 3. The number of nurses or support workers who support mental health patients regarding their housing while they are in the community. These could be housing officers, housing support workers, special housing nurses, or similar professions that are specialised in housing support.

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

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*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
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There are no numbers held in regard to the number of staff who support patients regarding housing when discharged from an inpatient ward. All care co-ordinators including nurses will have awareness of stability of housing and will assist and support stable housing where this is not present and in line with need and risk.

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