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I am responding to your request for information received 18 March 2021. I am sincerely sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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,



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Information Governance Manager

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Request:

Dear East London NHS Foundation Trust,

In relation to your supply of medical (doctor) temporary workers, please could you provide the answers to the following questions?

Question 1. Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade?

Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.

Answer: The Trust has engaged Pulse, Medacs, Holt Doctors and Your Nurse.

The Trust does not use a tier system.

Question 2. Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years.

If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.

Answer: Please see table below:

| Period Year | Grand Total |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2019 Total | £4,169,253 |
| 2020 Total | £6,982,863 |
| 2021 Total | £12,442,371 |

Question 3. What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 4. When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Agency | Year |
|---------------|----------------|
| Pulse | May 2022 |
| Medacs | September 2022 |
| Holt Doctors | |
| Your Nurse | |

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