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**Our reference: FOI DA4069**

I am responding to your request for information received 18 January 2022. 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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Dear FOI lead,**

**We are conducting an investigation into consultant staffing in ENT in the UK, and would like to request some information from your trust under the Freedom of Information Act. In order to get a clear understanding on the current situation we are keen to get accurate data, and would greatly appreciate a timely response.**

**Please could you let us know how many staff you have in the ENT department in each of the following categories:**

**Question 1. Number of substantive consultants on the specialist registrar?**

**Question 2. Number of unfilled substantive posts and if so, filled with:  
Locum consultant (with CCT)  
Locum consultant (without CCT)  
Unfilled  
Number of SAS doctors working at consultant level**

**Question 3. Number of consultant posts likely to become vacant within 5 years (i.e. due to retirement etc.)**

**Question 4. Number of middle grade posts and if so:  
Specialist registrar (Numbered / Deanery approved)  
Non-Training Grades  
Fellow  
MTI  
Other**

**Answer:** 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 him.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental and community health trust and believe your request is for an acute trust. The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

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