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Dear

I am responding to your request for information received **14 June 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,



Shuchi Joshi
Senior Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

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
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request:



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Question 1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Royal Devon and Exeter NHSFT

Question 2: Who are the managers responsible for agency approval for Pathology/Laboratory agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:

- **Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):**
- **Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- **Cellular Pathology**

Question 3: Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.

Question 4: Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?

Question 5: How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:

- (a) **Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):**
- (b) **Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):**
- (c) **Cellular Pathology**

Question 6: How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

Question 7: How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?



Section 1 – not held

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 them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health Trust and does not provide services described in the questions above. Therefore we cannot provide the information.



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