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I am responding to your request for information received 16 December 2022. 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,

KHarvey

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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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Request: Please can you answer the following 3 questions:

Question 1. From September 2022 to November 2022, please list the wards/departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies in your Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Community Hospitals?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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.

The Trust's accounting system is not designed to capture shift patterns, and therefore we are unable to provide a response.

Question 2. Please provide a list of off-framework agencies used by the trust in the past 6 months.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-01/anon_response_-_foi_da4314.pdf

- Question 3. Please provide a breakdown of the number of shifts covered by each offframework agency and their average hourly charge rate for the following disciplines:
 - Registered General Nurses (Adult & Paediatric),
 - Registered Mental Health Nurses and Healthcare Assistants.
- Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

