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I am responding to your request for information received 15 March 2023. I am 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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  
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
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**Request:** I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust.

Please may you provide me with:

**Question 1:** The total amount of money that your Trust spent on mental health locum staff, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

**Answer:** The Trust can provide locum staff spend from financial years 2014/15 to FY2022/23 (see table below). The Trust does not hold records prior to 2014/15.

Financial Year	Trust Expenditure On Locum Staff
2014/15	£466,718.94
2015/16	£912,467.11
2016/17	£1,267,425.71
2017/18	£1,054,320.66
2018/19	£1,621,046.70
2019/20	£1,663,011.90
2020/21	£2,279,056.38
2021/22	£2,915,504.59
2022/23	£2,354,444.95

**Question 2:** The total FTE mental health locum staff taken on by your Trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 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.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested for mental health locum staff employed since 2010 and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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