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I am responding to your request for information received 14 June 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:

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Request: We understand that the Trust has contractual arrangements with a PFI company and that the payments under these contracts increase according to the rate of inflation, which is often the Retail Price Index (RPI) We are interested in knowing by how much the payments by the Trust to PFI contractors have increased as a result of inflation over the last year and the Trust's predictions of the likely additional increases in payments to the PFI company over the current financial year.

Where a Trust holds several PFI contracts, could this information be provided for each contract separately.

Question 1a: The total payment to the PFI company (Unitary Charge) for the most recent financial year, for 2022-23.

Answer: £6,768,000.

Question 1b: The £ increase in Unitary Charge payments which can be attributed to inflation, when compared to the previous financial year (2021-22).

Answer: £540,000

Question 2a: The projected Unitary Charge for the current financial year, 2023-24

Answer: £7,450.000

Question 2b: The projected £ increase in Unitary Charge payments which can be attributed to inflation, when compared to the previous financial year (2022-23).

Answer: £682.000

Question 3: The amount of financial support (if any) provided by NHS England or the Department of Health and Social care specifically to assist with meeting the additional cost of inflation rises.

Answer: The Trust receives a percentage uplift on NHS income set at a national level to cover anticipated inflation across all expenditure lines, however, this is not attributable specifically to separate types of expenditure.

Question 4: A summary of information held on specific or local factors (other than inflation) which may have had a significant impact on PFI costs in the previous two years e.g. Major lifecycle maintenance, availability issues, disputes, service contract re-basing or other major contract milestones.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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 and is therefore unable to provide a response.

