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I am responding to your request for information received 29 August 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,

Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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: If there is text prior to the first question, insert here.

Question 1: What is the total Framework Agency spend solely for Nurses from 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023?

Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding?

Answer: £13,894,431.

Please see table below split by specialty.

	Mental Health	Community Health	Primary Care	Other
April 2022	£526,510	£494,229	£59,574	£49,461
May 2022	£353,283	£395,899	£56,366	£33,972
June 2022	£342,911	£496,531	£54,519	£233,642
July 2022	£352,885	£393,773	£-913	£182,284
August 2022	£436,797	£535,438	£48,718	£141,636
September 2022	£456,326	£644,132	£85,753	£-137,034
October 2022	£397,636	£453,080	£40,206	£4,131
November 2022	£646,600	£772,801	£26,166	£1,279
December 2022	£510,250	£495,272	£25,330	£479
January 2023	£480,322	£568,398	£30,848	£-5,636
February 2023	£557,544	£458,317	£17,632	£1,574
March 2023	£614,365	£562,909	£20,319	£18,638
April 2023	£451,074	£498,648	£21,035	£-11,481

Please note, the Trust does not record agency banding and if therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: What is the total Off-Framework Agency spend solely for Nurses from 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023?

Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding?

Answer: £628,694

Please see table below split by specialty.

	Mental Health	Community Health
April 2022	£16,199	£18,386
May 2022	£20,620	£21,184
June 2022	£56,937	£50,308
July 2022	£63,285	£55,203
August 2022	£35,956	£35,854
September 2022	£6,240	£32,763
October 2022	£21,683	£40,681
November 2022	£0	£0
December 2022	£16,121	£46,527
January 2023	£16,565	£23,107
February 2023	£14,180	£6,815
March 2023	£13,377	£7,203
April 2023	£7,578	£1,925



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Question 3: How many Framework Agencies have supplied solely for Nurses to the Trust from 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023?

Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name?

Answer: 45.

Please also see appendix attached, tab 1.

Question 4: How many Off-Framework Agencies have supplied solely for Nurses to the Trust from 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023?

Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name?

Answer: Six.

Please also see appendix attached, tab 2.

Question 5: How many requirements came out for the following specialties from 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023, please break this down per month.

- Mental Health?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 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 agency use in the format requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 6: In relation to question 5 please provide what the fill rate for those requirements were with Framework Agency workers against Trust Bank workers?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 7: What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency nurses and who is responsible for managing them?

Answer: If they are on frameworks, we agree contracts using the framework's call-off terms/order form. There is very minimal, if any, negotiation of the call-off terms and clauses.

If they are not on any frameworks, we either agree using the Trust's subcontract agency template, or the agency's Terms of Business. These will normally be negotiated to ensure clauses are mutually agreeable.

These contracts would require day-to-day management by the applicable manager/budget holder who has recruited the agency worker, with support provided by People & Culture and Contracts.

Question 8: In relation to question 7 please can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary nursing agency contracts for your Trust?

Answer: Dr Mohit Venkataram, mohit.venkataram@nhs.net 020 7655 4000



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