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I am responding to your request for information received 4 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,

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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** Please could you provide me with information on the following:

**Question 1:** Trust off framework spend in relation to the Nursing staff group only for the period of April 2022 through to March 2023?

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1 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: Question 1

[https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/anon\\_response\\_foi\\_da4687.pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/anon_response_foi_da4687.pdf)

**Question 2:** Number of off framework hours filled during the same period?

**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 filled off-framework hours as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 3:** List of off framework suppliers that you are engaged with?

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

The information requested is accessible here: Question 1

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4795.pdf>

**Question 4:** Highest paid off framework hourly charge rate for this period and the grade/specialty confirmed?

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record filled off-framework hourly rates as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 5: Average hourly charge rate for this period and the grade/specialty confirmed?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record hourly charge rates as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 6: Confirmation of whether your off framework suppliers confirm/book agency staff with the Trust in the same manner as your on framework supply list?**

**For example, do they invoice the Trust directly or do they book via a preferred third party booking portal?**

Answer: The Trust books on framework and off framework suppliers in the same manner, however, there are stricter controls against off framework agencies, which are used as a last resort.



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