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I am responding to your request for information received 18 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
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request:

Question 1: a. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

Answer: Dr Mohit Venkataram, Executive Director of Commercial Development.

b. Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?

Answer: Tanya Carter – Chief People Officer.

Question 2: Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

Answer: a. mohit.venkataram@nhs.net

b. tanya.carter@nhs.net

Tel: 0207 655 4000.

Question 3: Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 3 months?

Answer: Yes.

Question 4: How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023

- (a) RGN's**
- (b) Registered Midwives**
- (c) RMN's**
- (d) ITU Nurses**
- (e) A&E Nurses**
- (f) Community psychiatric nurses.**

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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not employ the following nurses:

- (a) RGN's
- (b) Registered Midwives
- (d) ITU Nurses
- (e) A&E Nurses

The off-framework agency spend between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023 for RMN and community psychiatric nurses was as follows:

- (c) RMN - £93,793.
- (f) Community Psychiatric nurse - £97,617.



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Question 5: Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between 31st January 2023 – 31st July 2023

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 the information on unfilled off-framework shifts as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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