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I am responding to your request for information received 24 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 can you provide me with the Information below?

**Question 1:** Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Occupational Therapy department?

**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/2023-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4859.pdf>

**Question 2:** Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Occupational Therapy department at all hospitals associated with the Trust for the following areas within Occupational Therapy:

- a) Acute Medical / Surgical
- b) Community
- c) Neuro / Stroke Rehab
- d) Elderly Care
- e) Mental Health
- f) Paediatric

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2a, 2c, 2f 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 provide acute medical/surgical, neuro/ stroke rehab and paediatric services as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

For Community, Elderly Care and Mental Health, Dr Mohit Venkataram is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework).

**Question 3:** Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 1 and 2.

**Answer:** Tel: 020 7655 4000.  
Email: [mohit.venkataram@nhs.net](mailto:mohit.venkataram@nhs.net)

**Question 4:** How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Occupational Therapy in the following areas from June 2022 - June 2023

- a) Acute Medical / Surgical
- b) Community



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- c) Neuro / Stroke Rehab
- d) Elderly Care
- e) Mental Health
- f) Paediatric

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not provide acute medical/surgical, neuro/stroke rehab and paediatric services as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

The Trust has reviewed question 4b, 4d and 4e of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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The information requested is accessible here:

Question 9

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4859.pdf>

**Question 5: What agencies were providing the Off-Framework services.**

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

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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The information requested is accessible here:

Question 11

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4859.pdf>



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