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I am responding to your request for information received 1 December 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  
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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:**

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

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 and 6

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

**Question 2: Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:**

**(a) Physiotherapy**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2a 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 1

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**(b) Occupational Therapy**

The Trust has reviewed question 2b 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 6

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**Question 3: Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.**

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



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Question 3

[https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/anon\\_response\\_-\\_foi\\_da4920.pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/anon_response_-_foi_da4920.pdf)

**Question 4: How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?  
(a) Physiotherapy (b) Occupational Therapy**

Answer: Please see table below:

Staff Group	Framework agency spend from January 2023 - present
Physiotherapy	£455,693.53
Occupational Therapy	£72,165.71

**Question 5: Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists –**

Answer: The agency currently used by the trust is Allocate 24/7 Time.

**please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.**

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 information on shifts as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 6: Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?**

Answer: Yes. Allocate 24/7 Time.

**Question 7: What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?**

Answer: Please see table below:

Staff Group	Highest pay rate since January 2023
Band 6 Physiotherapists	£50.98
Band 6 Occupational Therapists	£54.33



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