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I am responding to your request for information received 18 March 2024. 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,



Keshia Harvey  
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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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
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**Request:**

**Question 1. What framework are you associated with for sterile service agency supply?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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. We have reviewed your request and believe it relates to an acute Trust. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2. Who is responsible for agency usage on framework and off framework in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?**

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2023 and March 2024 in Sterile Services?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between March 2023 and March 2024?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 6. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?**

Answer: Not applicable.



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