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I am responding to your request for information received 19 February 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,

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.

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Request: Insourcing is a term used to describe a range of medical and clinical services, which are deployed to utilise spare, out-of-hours capacity, typically at weekends, within a trust, in addition to the trusts existing provisions, with the intention to bolster service outputs and improve efficiency (full definition <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/guidance-for-trusts-on-the-use-of-insourcing.pdf>)

The largest providers are Medinet, 18 Week Support, Remedy, HBS UK.

Question 1: Have you used any insourcing providers this current financial year? (April 2023-March 2024)

Answer: No. The Trust has not used an insourcing provider during the current financial year.

Question 1a: Which insourcing companies have you worked with this financial year

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust does not use an insourcing company.

Question 1b: What is the current spend on insourcing providers this financial year? Please can you provide a breakdown of spend by insourcing provider (e.g. Medinet, 18 Week Support, Remedy, HBS UK, etc.)?

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust does not use an insourcing company.

Question 1c: What is the split of that spend by specialty (e.g general surgery, endoscopy, ENT, etc...) this financial year?

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust does not use an insourcing company.

Question 2: How much, in £, has your NHS Trust spent on insourcing in each of the last 3 financial years ending March (FY21, FY22, FY23)?

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust did not utilise insourcing during the last three financial years.

Question 2a: Can you please provide a breakdown of the spending in each of the last 3 financial years by insourcing provider (e.g. Medinet, 18 Week Support, Remedy, HBS UK, etc.)?

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust did not utilise insourcing during the last three financial years.

Question 3: Which clinical activities have been insourced and from which insourcing company from FY21 to FY23 (financial year ending March)? Please detail your spend on insourced activities by company, specialty or procedure, and year. See examples below:

- e.g. Medinet, Endoscopy, £150,000, FY22
- e.g. 18 Week Support, General Surgery, £200,000, FY23

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust did not utilise insourcing during this period.

Question 4: Does your Trust expect to spend more / less / the same on insourcing in the coming year?

Answer: Not applicable. The Trust does not use an insourcing company.



Question 5: How does your Trust expect expenditure on insourcing to change in the event of a change of UK government? Stay same / likely increase / likely decrease?

Answer: 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 the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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