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I am responding to your request for information received 30 January 2024. 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.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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



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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

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Request:

Purchase of bed capacity in the private mental health sector:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

Question 1: The total contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your Trust.

Answer: Please see table below:

Total	Contracted beds
2019	£0
2020	£0
2021	£0
2022	£0
2023	£108,386

Question 2: The breakdown of the contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your Trust (how much has been spent on CAMHS, older adult, PICU, general adult etc).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information. In order to collate this information in calendar years and then to provide a breakdown of spend across services as requested, it would be necessary to review each invoice from every supplier. This is estimated to take over 18 hours to collate.

Question 3: The total non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your Trust.

Answer: Please see table below:

Total	Non-contracted beds
2019	£205,703
2020	£489,238
2021	£437,483
2022	£2,138,761
2023	£7,083,987

Question 4: The breakdown of the non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your Trust.

Answer: Please see table below:



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YEAR	NEL		BLMK		CORPORATE	
	Contracted beds	Non contracted beds	Contracted beds	Non contracted beds	Contracted beds	Non contracted beds
2019	0	£148,391	0	£57,312	0	0
2020	0	£488,481	0	£757	0	0
2021	0	£408,523	0	£28,961	0	0
2022	0	£988,097	0	£1,150,664	0	0
2023	0	£4,041,432	£108,386	£2,749,163	0	£293,392

Purchase of “Consultancy services”:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

Question 5: Please give a breakdown of your total spend on “consultancy services” - providing information about:

- a) company names,**
- b) services provided,**

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information. The Trust is able to provide a list of company names and total spend in financial years. In order to collate this information in calendar years and then to provide a breakdown of services as requested in 5b, it would be necessary to review each invoice from every supplier. This is estimated to take over 18 hours to collate.

c) any accountability/ efficiency reports created.

The Trust has reviewed question 5c 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 centrally record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Spend on Private Finance Initiatives:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

Question 6: Please give a breakdown of total spend on Private Finance Initiatives (both capital pay back, and also PFI interest payments).



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Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year	Capital - £	Interest - £
2018/19	441,241.36	2,127,099.39
2019/20	487,582.80	2,080,757.96
2020/21	539,028.60	2,029,312.16
2021/22	596,164.16	1,972,176.59
2022/23	659,644.19	1,908,696.57

Please note, the Trust only records this information by financial years.

Question 7: Please state the end-date for all PFI payments (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments).

Answer: 20 April 2032.

Question 8: Please state what the total PFI spend is estimated to be (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments), when all repayments have been made.

Answer: Please see table below:

Capital	Interest
22,201,733.88	52,315,317.29



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