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**Our reference: FOI DA5328**

I am responding to your request for information received 11 April 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.

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:** Under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding Obstetrics staffing in your Trust for the financial years 2015/16, until FY 2022/23.

The financial year is the period between April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year (e.g., 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023). (This is laid out in the attached Excel).

Please answer the following questions regarding your obstetricians in each financial year, split by grade (as per NHS staffing listed grades) when needed.

Ideally, please provide the answers regarding the staffing you had each October, but it can be another month of the year if October is not available.

**Question 1:** How many full-time equivalent (FTE) obstetricians did you have in October?

- a. Consultant
- b. Associate Specialist
- c. Specialty Doctor
- d. Specialty Registrar
- e. Core Training
- f. Foundation Doctor Year 2
- g. Foundation Doctor Year 1
- h. Staff Grade
- i. Other and Local HCHS Doctor Grades
- j. Hospital Practitioner / Clinical Assistant

**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 and as such does not provide obstetrics services as described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2:** Did you have a 24/7 consultant obstetrician on call?

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

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**Question 3:** Was the consultant obstetrician on-call on-site, or were they off-site (e.g., at home)?



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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 4: How many full-time equivalent (FTE) vacancies did you have for consultant obstetricians?**

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

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**Question 5: What was the expenditure on agency/locum for consultant obstetricians?**

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

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