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I am responding to your request for information received 4 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:

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Request:

Question 1: For the financial years 22/23 and 23/24, how much did the trust spend on agency shifts for doctors (ranging from consultants to junior doctors), nurses and midwives?

Answer: Please see table below:

Agency Role	Spend on 2022/23	Spend in 2023/24
Medical - Doctors	£6,534,806.20	£4,500,490.60
Nursing	£6,107,830.16	£4,864,669.27
Midwives	The Trust has reviewed 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— <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i> East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not employ agency midwives. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.	

Question 2: For the same financial years, how many shifts did this represent? Please provide a breakdown of how many of these agency shifts were for doctors, how many were for nurses and how many were for midwives.

Answer: Please see table below:

Agency Role	Number of shifts - 2022/23	Number of shifts - 2023/24
Medical - Doctors	9,697	6,750
Nursing	21,316	17,836
Midwives	The Trust has reviewed 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— <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i> East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not employ agency midwives. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.	



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Question 3: Please detail how many of these shifts exceeded the maximum hourly rate of 55% above a worker's basic substantive pay rate.

Answer: Please see table below:

Agency Role	Number of shifts exceeding maximum rate of 55% - 2022/23	Number of shifts exceeding maximum rate of 55% - 2023/24
Medical - Doctors	2,766	2,258
Nursing	3,146	1,434
Midwives	<p>The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled— <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i></p> <p>East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not employ agency midwives. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.</p>	

Question 4: Of those shifts that exceeded the caps, please detail the cost of the most expensive shifts for an agency doctor, agency nurse and agency midwife.

Answer: Please see table below:

Agency Role	Cost of most expensive shift exceeding the price cap – 2022/23	Cost of most expensive shift exceeding the price cap – 2023/24
Medical - Doctors	£1009.38	£1578.78
Nursing	£551	£412.13
Midwives	<p>The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled— <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i></p> <p>East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not employ agency midwives. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.</p>	



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