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Our reference: FOI DA5430

I am responding to your request for information received 6 June 2024 and clarified on 12 June. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

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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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:

Question 1: Do you currently have vending machines in any of your properties?

Yes / No.

If "yes" please answer questions 2-7 incl.

If "no" please answer questions 8 and 9.

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: How many sites have vending machines?

Clarification: Please provide information for all vending machines on ELFT owned sites.

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 and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review 135 sites across the Trust as the information is not held centrally. This is estimated to take over eighteen hours to collate.

Question 3: How many vending machines do you have in total?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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 and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review 135 sites across the Trust as the information is not held centrally. This is estimated to take over eighteen hours to collate.

Question 4: Who is your current vending machine supplier?

Clarification: Please provide information for all vending machines on ELFT owned sites.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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 and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review 135 sites across the Trust as the Trust has multiple suppliers for different vending machines and this



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Question 5: What is the contract renewal date?

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

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The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review 135 sites across the Trust as the Trust has multiple suppliers for different vending machines and this information is not held centrally. This is estimated to take over eighteen hours to collate.

Question 6: What is your proposed route to market? (for vending machines)

- I. **Open Tender - Please provide details of how to receive notification.**
- II. **Framework - Please provide details of the Host, Administrator, including a contact email address.**
- III. **Dynamic Purchasing System - Please provide details of the Host, Administrator, including a contact email address.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 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 not proposing any central procurement. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 7: Please provide details of the relevant Procurement Lead for your organisation. Name, Job Title, E-mail:

Answer: Kevin Curnow – Executive for Commercial Development.
Email: Elft.procurement@nhs.net

Question 8: Are you interested in installing vending machines?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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



Question 9: If "yes" (to question 8), please provide details of the most appropriate Officer to receive information about our services:

Name:

Job Title:

E-mail:

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 9 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—
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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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