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I am responding to your request for information received 17 January 2025. 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

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Request: I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the below.

NHS Adult Hearing – Private Practice & Non-NHS Revenue

The details I require are:

Question 1: Does your NHS Adult Hearing service receive any Non-NHS revenue either directly from patients, in commission or in products or discount from manufactures, third party sellers online or otherwise? For the avoidance of doubt this should include hearing aids or devices, Bluetooth enable devices, TV streamers, hearing aid remote controls or any other peripherals. If yes, then please list volumes/values per annum or if this is not available, then please provide the budgeted value in your trusts financial forecast for years 2023/24 and if available 2024/25.

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 adult audiology services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Do any of the professional audiologists delivering NHS services on behalf of the Trust work in private practice? If yes, have they declared to the Trust that this is a potential conflict of interest?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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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Question 3: Have you received any patient, customer or service user complaints that mention the purchase or supply of any of the following? Hearing aids or devices, Bluetooth enabled devices, TV streamers, hearing aid remote controls or any other peripherals. If yes, please list the number and nature of the complaint/complaints.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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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