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**Our reference: FOI DA5715**

I am responding to your request for information received 8 November 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.

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,

FOI Team

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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**Request:** In relation to your supply of locum Psychiatrists for each grade and sub-specialty per month, please could you provide the answers to the requests below for the following periods?

- i. Financial year 2022/2023
- ii. Financial year 2023/2024
- iii. Period from April - September 2024

**Question 1:** Please confirm the total number of vacancy requirements given out to framework and non-framework agencies for each agency

**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:

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(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.

**Question 2:** Please confirm the total number of shifts given out to framework and non-framework agencies for each agency

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

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(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
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**Question 3:** Please confirm the total number of agency locum doctors working per month, for each agency supplier divided between on and off framework.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

| Month and Agency                          | Locum Psychiatrists per Month |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>November 2023*</b>                     |                               |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 2                             |
| Electus (On-framework)                    | 1                             |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1                             |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1                             |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 25                            |
| <b>December 2023</b>                      |                               |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 1                             |
| Electus (On-framework)                    | 1                             |
| Globe (On-framework)                      | 1                             |



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|---|----|
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 23 |
| <b>January 2024</b>                       |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 2  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 21 |
| <b>February 2024</b>                      |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 25 |
| <b>March 2024</b>                         |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 4  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 20 |
| <b>April 2024</b>                         |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 4  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 16 |
| <b>May 2024</b>                           |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 4  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 19 |
| <b>June 2024</b>                          |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 18 |
| <b>July 2024</b>                          |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 15 |



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|---|----|
| Total Assist (On-Framework)               | 1  |
| <b>August 2024</b>                        |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 1  |
| Liquid Personnel (On-framework)           | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 14 |
| Total Assist (On-Framework)               | 1  |
| <b>September 2024</b>                     |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 8  |
| Total Assist (On-Framework)               | 1  |
| Tripod (On-framework)                     | 1  |
| <b>October 2024</b>                       |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 8  |
| <b>November 2024</b>                      |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 3  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 7  |
| <b>December 2024</b>                      |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 2  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 8  |
| <b>January 2025</b>                       |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 2  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 7  |
| <b>February 2025</b>                      |    |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 2  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1  |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1  |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 1  |



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| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 8 |
| <b>March 2025</b>                         |   |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 1 |
| Belmont                                   | 1 |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 1 |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 1 |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 7 |

\* The Trust can only report figures from November 2023 when the function was brought in-house.

**Question 4:** Please confirm the total number of hours worked by agency locum doctors per month, for each agency supplier divided between on and off framework.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

| <b>Month and Agency</b>                   | <b>Total number of hours worked by agency locum Psychiatrists</b> |
|---|---|
| <b>November 2023*</b>                     |   |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 432.5   |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 152   |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 160   |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 763.5   |
| <b>December 2023</b>                      |   |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 288   |
| Electus (On-framework)                    | 16  |
| Globe (On-framework)                      | 8   |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 144   |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 80  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 2352.5  |
| <b>January 2024</b>                       |   |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 304   |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 152   |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 88  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 2505.75   |
| <b>February 2024</b>                      |   |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 437.5   |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 200   |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 184   |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 3346.75   |
| <b>March 2024</b>                         |   |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 581.5   |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 152   |



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|---|--------|
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 120    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 2260   |
| <b>April 2024</b>                         |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 566.5  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 152    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 152    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 1801.5 |
| <b>May 2024</b>                           |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 499.5  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 184    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 120    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 2380.5 |
| <b>June 2024</b>                          |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 464    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 152    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 160    |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 147.5  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 2062.5 |
| <b>July 2024</b>                          |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 456    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 160    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 152    |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 146.5  |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 1787   |
| Total Assist (On-Framework)               | 14     |
| <b>August 2024</b>                        |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 415    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 166    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 192    |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 16     |
| Liquid Personnel (On-framework)           | 8      |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 1831.5 |
| Total Assist (On-Framework)               | 97.5   |
| <b>September 2024</b>                     |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 410    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 160    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 160    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 1079.5 |
| Total Assist (On-Framework)               | 24     |
| Tripod (On-framework)                     | 8      |
| <b>October 2024</b>                       |        |



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| Athona (On-framework)                     | 572    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 184    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 184    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 1165   |
| <b>November 2024</b>                      |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 432.5  |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 152    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 160    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 763.5  |
| <b>December 2024</b>                      |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 288    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 144    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 136    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 866    |
| <b>January 2024</b>                       |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 384    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 184    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 144    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 1098.5 |
| <b>February 2024</b>                      |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 320    |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 160    |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 150    |
| Key Health (Off-framework)                | 10     |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 811.5  |
| <b>March 2024</b>                         |        |
| Athona (On-framework)                     | 24     |
| Belmont (Off-framework)                   | 8      |
| ID Medical (On-framework)                 | 22.5   |
| Interact (On-framework)                   | 7.5    |
| Pulse Healthcare Ltd (VAT) (On-framework) | 187.5  |

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**Question 5: Please confirm the total number of unfilled vacancies (excluding locum filled posts) per month.**

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested as the Trust are unable to identify which bookings are filling vacancies over specific reasons for role cover. This information is therefore not recorded centrally and therefore the Trust are unable to provide a response.



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