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I am responding to your request for information received 24 April 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,

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.

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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information about your procurement of any
(i) external Data Protection Officer (DPO),
(ii) Data protection GDPR compliance services for the period FY2022-23 to FY2024-25:

Current DPO arrangements

Question 1.1: Is the organisation's DPO and other staff that work on data protection compliance:

- (a) An internal employee
- (b) A DPO provided by an external service provider
- (c) Hybrid (internal staff with external service provider support)

Answer: a) An internal employee.

Question 1.2: Where services are provided by external providers, please share the following information:

- (a) The Company name(s)
- (b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025)
- (c) The highest day rate paid
- (d) Contract dates (start/end/renewal terms)
- (e) A brief description of the project or services provided (for instance, project title or internal reference)
- (f) Services covered (e.g., audits, breach management, SAR management, delivery of DPIAs) • Please indicate what deliverables were produced • Procurement method (e.g., open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and name of the procurement framework, if applicable.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1.2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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

*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 outsource its Data Protection services to an external supplier as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Consultancy Spend

Question 2.1: What is the organisation's, total annual expenditure on data protection/GDPR consultancy services?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2.1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 2.2: For SoW/projects which have a spend of more than £5k, please share the following information:

- a) Supplier company name
- b) The scope of the Project (e.g. ICO investigation support; DPIA support, Internal Audit recommendation support)
- c) Spend
- d) Procurement method

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Data Protection Compliance staffing

Question 3.1: The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation? (FTE)

Answer: Eleven staff members.

Question 3.2: Are there any vacant roles? (Yes/No)

Answer: No.

Question 3.3: Where there any ICO investigations, audits, or enforcement actions for the period from FY2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025?

Answer: No.

Future Plans

Question 4.1: Is your organisation planning to put out to tender for any DPO/GDPR services in the current financial year?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4.1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4.2: If yes please provide the following:

- a) Expected timeline**
- b) Budget range**
- c) Key service requirements**
- d) Procurement method**

Answer: Not applicable.



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