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

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:

Question 1: In the period 1st November 2024 to 31 January 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

a) Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors

Answer: £2,043,739.88

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

b) Spend per grade

Answer: Please see table below:

Pay Grade	Agency Spend between November 2024- January 2025 (£)
Agency Medical Consultant	1,424,092.01
Agency Junior Doctor ST3	5,825.83
Agency Medical Occupational Therapist, Registered Career Grade	6,838.64
Agency Medical Speciality Registrar	606,983.40
Grand Total	2,043,739.88

c) Spend per specialty

d) Spend per agency name

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1c and 1d 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.*

The Trust has recently undergone a system transition and, at present, does not hold a centralised or consistently reliable record to confirm whether individual bookings were made under a framework agreement. This is due to the presence of multiple frameworks, each supporting various booking arrangements. In some cases, agencies may have been part of a framework at the time of booking but are no longer included or may have joined after the booking was made. As such, the Trust regrets that it is not in a position to provide definitive information regarding the framework status of specific bookings.

Question 2: In the period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

a) Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locums doctors

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

b) Spend per grade*

c) Spend per specialty

d) Spend per agency name

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

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Question 3: In the period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

a) Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum doctors

Answer: £3,004,154.53

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- b) Spend per grade**
c) Spend per specialty

Answer: Please see table below:

Pay Grade	Internal Bank Spend between November 2024- January 2025 (£)
General Practitioner - Bank	35,429.51
Consultant - Bank	433,536.53
Associate Specialist - Bank	48,490.17
Other Medical Staff - Bank	300,909.05
Specialty Doctor - Bank	586,347.65
Grand Total	3,004,154.53

d) Spend per internal or associated external provider

Answer: The Trust does not use an external provider to manage the supply of bank staff. All bank staff are recruited to and managed in house.

Question 4: Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not set budgets for agency staff. If there is a vacancy which cannot be filled by bank staff, then agency staff are assigned to the post. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.



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Question 5: Please confirm the name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your trust.

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

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

Question 5:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/anon_response_-_foi_da5741.pdf



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