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I am responding to your request for information received 13 May 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  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:**

**Question 1:** In the period 1st February 2025 to 30th April 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

a) Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors

Answer: £1,305,195.10.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

b) Spend per grade

c) Spend per specialty

Speciality / grade	Spend per grade for agency locum doctors between February 2025 to April 2025 (£)
Medical Consultant	1,042,233.36
Junior Doctor ST1/CT1	903.53
Junior Doctor ST3	2,679.12
Medical SHO & HO	1,095.50
Medical Speciality Registrar (SpR)	258,283.59
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,305,195.10</b>

d) Spend per agency name

Answer: The Trust has reviewed 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 moved systems and does not record or have access to a reliable central source that would indicate whether such a booking was on or off framework. This is because there are multiple frameworks that an agency might be on for a variety of booking options. They may have been on the framework at the time of the booking but are no longer on the framework or they may have joined the framework after the booking but weren't on it at the time. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.

**Question 2:** In the period 1st February 2025 to 30th April 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 2 your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

The Trust has recently transitioned to a new system and, as a result, does not currently hold—or have access to—a centralised and consistently reliable record confirming whether individual bookings were made under a framework agreement. This is due to the existence of multiple frameworks, each supporting various booking arrangements that may change over time. For example, an agency may have been part of a framework at the time of booking but is no longer included or may have joined a framework after the booking occurred. In light of these factors, the Trust regrets that it is not able to confirm the framework status of specific historical bookings.

**Question 3: In the period 1st February 2025 to 30th April 2025 please provide a breakdown of:**

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

Answer: £1,699 913.71.

**Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:**

**b) Spend per grade**

**c) Spend per specialty**

Grade	Speciality	Spend per grade for internal bank locum doctors between February 2025 to April 2025 (£)
Consultants	General Practitioner	27,026.67
Consultants	Consultant	486,481.53
Career/staff grade	Associate Specialist	46,820.51
Career/staff grade	Other Medical Staff	650,496.81
Career/staff grade	Specialty Doctor	201,652.10
Career/staff grade	Specialist Registrar	287,436.09
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,699,913.71</b>

**d) Spend per internal or associated external provider**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 4: Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st February 2025 to 30th April 2025 please provide a breakdown of:**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not set budgets for agency staffing. Where a vacancy arises that cannot be filled through internal bank staff, agency staff may be allocated to the post as required. As such, the Trust does not hold the requested information in the format specified and 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](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/anon_response_-_foi_da5741.pdf)



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