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I am responding to your request for information received 2 July 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:

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**Request:** \*For the purposes of this FOI request, protected is defined as a time allocation that should be uninterrupted and dedicated to non-mandatory training and development, although this may not always be the case.

**Question 1:** In your organisation, do you employ “job planning” for pharmacists (job planning in this instance is typically the division of a working week into half day "sessions" allocated to commitments such as clinical work, development, supporting professional activities time, teaching, research, etc)?

**Answer:** No.

**Question 2:** How many pharmacists do you employ? Please state headcount

**Answer:** Substantive: 82  
Bank: 18  
Honorary: 1

Please note these figures could include pharmacy technicians and Assistant Technical Officer (ATOs).

**Question 3:** Of the pharmacists that you employ, how many have job plans?

**Answer:** None have job plans.

**Question 4a:** For each pharmacist with a job plan, please provide the proportion of contracted hours allocated to protected\* time for supporting professional activities (SPA), also known as protected learning time or professional development time

**Answer:** Not applicable.

**Question 4b:** For each pharmacist without a job plan, please provide the proportion of contracted hours allocated to protected time for supporting professional activities (SPA), also known as protected learning time or professional development time

**Answer:** Allocated time for SPA is not exclusively specified within Pharmacists contracts or job descriptions.

**Question 5:** If it is not possible to provide an answer to question 4a or 4b, please provide the recommended allocation to supporting professional activities (SPA), also known as protected learning time or professional development time, in hours per week for a full-time employed pharmacist.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 5 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 record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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