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I am responding to your request for information received 22 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:

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: I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information for your Trust for the period from 1st April 2025 to the date of this request:

Question 1: Agency Spend Breakdown (April 2025 – Present)

For each month, please provide the total amount spent on:

a. Clinical Nurses:

- Via NHS-approved framework agencies
- Via off-framework agencies

Please separate the above by Agenda for Change (AfC) banding levels (e.g. Band 2, Band 5, Band 6, etc.).

b. Medical Doctors:

- Via NHS-approved framework agencies
- Via off-framework agencies

Please break down the above by grade (e.g. FY1, SHO, Registrar, Consultant) and specialty (e.g. A&E, General Medicine, Psychiatry).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 1a and 1b 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 has recently transitioned to a new system and, as a result, does not currently maintain or have access to a centralised and consistently reliable record indicating whether individual bookings were made under a framework agreement. This is further complicated by the existence of multiple frameworks, each allowing for different booking arrangements. Agencies may have been on a framework at the time of booking but subsequently left, or may have joined a framework after the booking occurred. Given these factors, the Trust regrets that it is not in a position to confirm the framework status of specific historical bookings.

Under S16 of the FOI Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. As such the Trust can provide data for the last 30 days or the total expenditure without being broken down by on/off framework. If this is helpful then please submit a new request outlining your refined requirements.

Question 2: Agency Details

Please provide the names of the agencies used in each category above (framework and off-framework) for nurses and doctors.

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

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Question 3: Activity Data (if available)

If available and within the appropriate cost/time limits, please also include the number of shifts or hours filled for each staff group, broken down as above.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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