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I am responding to your request for information received 3 June 2025 and clarified on 28 July. 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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please supply for your NHS trust/board:

Question 1: The total number of consultant-level doctors you currently have [WTE or equivalent]

Answer: The Trust currently employs 181.48 WTE consultant-level doctors.

Question 2: The total number of vacant consultant-level doctor posts you currently have [WTE or equivalent]

Answer: As at 29 August 2025, the Trust is currently recruiting for ten full time consultant posts, details are available on the Trust website:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/working-for-us/job-vacancies#!/job_list/s2/Medical_Dental?ts=1

Question 3: The total number of consultant-level posts substantially filled by agency locums for more than 6 months [WTE or equivalent].

Clarification: The query is for the six months up to June when the FOI was submitted.

Answer: Eight WTE.

Question 4: The total spend on agencies for locum consultants (both framework and non-framework) for the 2024/25 financial year [£s].

Answer: £6,981,675.00

Question 5: Any existing or planned controls on recruitment of medical staff in 2025/26?

Answer: All medical roles are scrutinised via the Executive Vacancy Control panel, as part of the financial viability measures and any roles costing greater than £50k are additionally subject to ICB triple lock.



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