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I am responding to your request for information received 11 July 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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Request: Please can you provide the below information:

Question 1: From 1st April 2025 to 30th June please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum AHP/HSS staffing.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum AHP/HSS staffing by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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: In the period 1st April 2025 to 30th June please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locum AHP/HSS staffing.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum AHP/HSS staffing by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

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

- **Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum AHP/HSS staffing**

Please provide a further breakdown for locum AHP/HSS staffing by:

- **Spend per grade**
- **Spend per specialty**

Answer: Please see table below:

Staff Role	Spend (£) in the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025
AHP Assistant Bank	18,471.47
AHP Qualified Bank Staff - Other	87,703.92
Bank Chaplain	895.52
Bank Chiropodist/Podiatrist	13,427.53
Bank Occupational Therapist Band 3	1,439.59
Bank Occupational Therapist Band 4	45,974.65
Bank Occupational Therapist Band 5	5,997.40
Bank Occupational Therapist Band 6	55,934.16
Bank Occupational Therapist Band 7	22,521.52
Bank Occupational Therapist Band 8	394.55
Bank Optometrist Qualified	891.76
Bank Pharmacist	90,239.75
Bank Pharmacy Technician Unqualified	2,204.23
Bank Physiotherapist Band 5	498.95
Bank Physiotherapist Band 6	42,941.00
Bank Physiotherapist Band 7	7,496.35
Bank Psychotherapists	13,934.03
Bank Social Care Assessor - Band 5	0.00
Bank Social Worker - Band 5	978.79
Bank Social Worker - Band 6	60,142.40
Bank Social Worker - Band 7	19,022.74
Bank Speech and Language Therapist Band 6	4,001.49
Bank Speech and Language Therapist Band 7	9,646.53
Bank Speech and Language Therapist Band 8	0.00
Occupational Therapist Bank	38,482.49
Op Dept Practitioner Bank	202.08
Phlebotomist Bank	73,692.13



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Physiotherapist Bank	215.77
Psychologist Bank	49,853.40
Grand Total	667,204.20

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the banding/grade information requested. Where the banding/grade has been recorded, the banding has been included in the above table. However, where the banding/grade has not been included, this is because it is not recorded.

- **Spend per internal or associated external provider**

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 4: Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum AHP/HSS staffing for the period 1st April 2025 to 30th June

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 record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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