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I am responding to your request for information received 12 August 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

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Chief Executive Officer: Lorraine Sunduza

Chair: Eileen Taylor

Request:

Question 1: What is the total Framework Agency spend solely for Nurses from 1st

March 2025 to 1st August 2025? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding (upto Band 7).

The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Answer:

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: What is the total Off-Framework Agency spend solely for Nurses from 1st March 2025 to 1st August 2025? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding (upto Band 7).

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

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Question 3: What is the total amount of framework agencies currently suppling at NHSI capped rates? Please specify these agencies.

Answer:

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Question 4: What is the total amount of framework agencies currently suppling above NHSI Capped rates (Escalted on framework)? Please specify these agencies.

Answer:

The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5: In relation to question 4 please specify the speciality of nurse that is being charged above the capped rates including hourly charge rate and agency providing the nurse.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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