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I am responding to your request for information received 19 August 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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



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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.

I would like to request a complete breakdown of all NHS spending and expenditure for the most recent full financial year. I am seeking a comprehensive account of how the entire NHS budget is allocated and spent, covering all categories and sub-categories of expenditure, including every item and contract where possible.

Specifically, I am requesting all spending information across the NHS, including but not limited to:

- Staffing costs (all salaries, benefits, training, recruitment, agency staff, consultancy fees, etc.)
- Hospital and primary care service expenditure
- Administrative and management costs
- Procurement and contracts (medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, PPE, IT, external services, etc.)
- Capital projects (buildings, infrastructure, IT systems, digital programmes)
- Payments to private providers, charities, and third-party organisations
- Regional, trust-level, and other local allocations of funding
- Research and development expenditure
- Any other areas of expenditure not listed above

I request this information at the most detailed level available, including line-by-line or transaction-level data if such records exist, so that every pound spent can be accounted for.

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to manually review all invoices within the last financial year. This is estimated to take over 18 hours to collate.

Under S16 of the FOI Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance.

As such please refer to the Trust's annual accounts for the last financial year 2024/25 at the link below.

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/information-about-elft/annual-reports>



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