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I am responding to your request for information received 13<sup>th</sup> October 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.

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:** I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the procurement of uniforms and linen by your organisation.

**Specifically, I would like to obtain the following details:**

**Question 1: Who are your current suppliers for uniforms and linen?**

**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:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not provide uniforms nor procure linen which is provided by our supply chain, landlord, or host Trusts. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2: What is the duration of your existing contracts, and when is the next renewal or retender expected?**

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**Question 3: Could you provide approximate annual quantities (pieces or sets) for each category of uniforms and linen?**

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**Question 4: What was your total spend on uniforms and linen in the most recent financial year?**

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**Question 5: Have any carbon reduction or sustainability outcomes been reported in relation to your uniform and linen supply or logistics?**

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**Question 6: What sustainability criteria or metrics do you track (e.g., material composition, recycling, repurposing, environmental impact assessments)?**

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**Question 7: How do you evaluate and involve SME suppliers in your procurement process? Are SMEs actively encouraged to participate?**

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**Question 8: Could you briefly describe your procurement process and tender cycle for uniforms and linen?**

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**Question 9: Beyond pricing, what key evaluation criteria do you prioritise when selecting suppliers (e.g., quality standards, certifications, turnaround times, sustainability)?**

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not provide uniforms as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 10: How important are social value and environmental commitments in supplier selection decisions?**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 10 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 11: Do you forecast demand volumes or budget plans for uniforms and linen in the coming years?**

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**Question 12: How do seasonal variations impact your ordering?**

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**Question 13: Are there any preferred logistics or delivery requirements suppliers need to meet**

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**Question 14: Do you require additional services such as rental, repair, or recycling?**

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**Question 15: What challenges or improvements would you like to see from suppliers currently serving your trust?**

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**Question 16: Are you open to innovations such as antimicrobial fabrics, smart textiles, or other sustainable technologies in your uniform and linen supply?**

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**Question 17: Who are the primary contacts or departments responsible for managing supplier relationships and contract oversight?**

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**Question 18: Are there plans to expand or diversify your uniform and linen requirements in the near future?**

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