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I am responding to your request for information received 26 August 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.

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.

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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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: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the NHS Trust's use of the Education and Training Tariff, specifically for postgraduate doctors in training, and request the annual self-assessments. Please could you provide the following:

Question 1: Annual Education and Training Self-Assessments

A copy of the NHS Trust's annual education and training self-assessment report. Can you please provide the latest report submitted. The reports are mandatory according to the NHS Education Funding Agreement Schedule 3

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Question 2: Total amount of Education and Training Tariff funding received by the Trust for postgraduate medical education over the financial year relating to the last Education and Training Self-Assessment report.

Answer: £2,476,021.00.

Question 3: Breakdown of Education and Training Tariff for Postgraduate Doctors
A detailed and itemised breakdown of how the Education and Training Tariff allocated for postgraduate doctors in training has been spent over the same financial period relating to the latest Annual Education and Training self-assessment submitted. Specifically, I would like to know a breakdown of all expenditures covered by this tariff including but not limited to:

- Teaching staff salaries (including number of staff employed)
- Administrative staff salaries (including number of staff employed)
- Any contribution of tariff towards Consultants programmed activities (PAs) to educational roles
- Facilities provided specifically for medical education and training (e.g. libraries, study areas)
- Pastoral support and well-being services for trainees
- Any contributions towards trainee study leave, clinical exams, and related support activities.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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 does not record the information on contribution of tariff towards Consultants programmed activities (PAs) to educational roles, or any contributions towards trainee study leave, clinical exams, and related support activities as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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



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The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review hundreds of records within multiple systems to retrieve the relevant information. This is estimated to take over the 18 hours to collate.

Question 4: Does the trust have any mechanisms in place to review if the Education and Training Tariff is providing appropriate educational value to Postgraduate Doctors and what are those mechanisms?

Answer: No reviews directly relating to the tariff, however regular reviews take place to ensure the training environment is of high quality within the organisation such as resident doctor representative forums, Joint Local Negotiating Committee, resident senior doctor representative meetings and anonymous you-said-we-did surveys



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