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I am responding to your request for information received 21 November 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

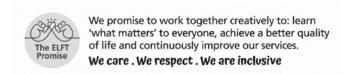
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Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 Web: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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Chief Executive Officer: Lorraine Sunduza

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Request: We are trying to find out if this has increased productivity levels of

social inclusion or reduce social exclusion cross pollination of skills

how this is developed social capital and productivity

Question 1: Also wondering does different employers offer volunteering days as part

of employment

If there's any details you could possibly have or any previous studies

done on this we would greatly appreciate them

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 does not record the information requested

and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: How many NHS staff have taken on volunteering?

Answer: Zero staff.

Question 3: How many NHS staff volunteer as trustees?

Answer: No NHS staff have volunteered as Trustees. The ELFT Board of Directors is

the Corporate Trustee for the ELFT-Charity; and there are no individual

Trustees.

Question 4: Volunteering to wellbeing: are employers (NHS Trusts) encouraging

volunteering?

Answer: Yes the Trust does encourage volunteering. Please see links below:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-

06/Introductory%20Guide%20for%20Volunteers%202022.pdf

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/get-involved/elft-volunteer-service

Question 5: What are the benefits of having protected staffs volunteering days?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the

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Question 6: Are there any NHS trusts doing it and doing it well?



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Question 7: What was the impact on their health and wellbeing, sickness day, productivity, team moral, knowledge?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the

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Question 8: What are corporations saying?

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