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I am responding to your request for information received 14 October 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.

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Request: Please can you provide the below information:

Question 1: From 1st July 2025 to 30th September please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum AHP/HSS staffing.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum AHP/HSS staffing by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

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 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 is unable 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: In the period 1st July 2025 to 30th September please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locum AHP/HSS staffing.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum AHP/HSS staffing by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

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

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Question 3: In the period 1st July 2025 to 30th September please provide a breakdown of:

- **Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum AHP/HSS staffing**

Answer: £730,561.94

Please provide a further breakdown for locum AHP/HSS staffing by:

- **Spend per grade**

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

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

The banding information you have requested has the potential for individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide such information.

- **Spend per specialty**

Answer: Please see table below:

Bank Staff Role	Spend in the period 1st July 2025 to 30th September (£)
Allied Health Professional (AHP) Assistant	11,531.42
AHP: Qualified Bank Staff Other	102,019.74
Bank Chaplain	1,057.66
Bank Chiropodist	14,403.51
Bank Occupational Therapists	142,701.35
Bank Optometrist Qualified	524.15
Bank Pharmacist	111,826.99
Bank Pharmacy Technician Unqualified	18,420.78
Bank Physiotherapists	63,676.66
Bank Psychotherapists	2,922.29
Bank Social Worker	118,994.77
Bank Speech and Language Therapist	16,852.58
Op Dept Practitioner Bank	444.63
Phlebotomist Bank	69,221.95



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Psychologist Bank	54,491.18
Bank Counsellor - Band 7	1,472.28
Grand Total	730,561.94

- **Spend per internal or associated external provider**

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested. The Trust does not use an internal or associated external provider for any locum doctors provided by the Trust bank. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum AHP/HSS staffing for the period 1st July 2025 to 30th September

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

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not set budgets for agency staffing. Where a vacancy arises that cannot be filled through internal bank staff, agency staff may be allocated to the post as required. As such, the Trust does not hold the requested information in the format specified and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: Please confirm the framework you utilise for AHP/HSS agency staff.

Answer: CCS Framework- (RM6333).



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