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I am responding to your request for information received 29 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.

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:

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

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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: Total agency spend for Doctors between January 2025 – Present

Answer: Between January 2025 – October 2025, the total agency spend for doctors was £5,651,211.59

Question 2: The breakdown of this spend by grade of doctor i.e. Consultant/SPR/SHO/GP and also specialty i.e. Old Age Psychiatry/General Psychiatry

Answer: Please see table below:

Speciality	Role and Grade	Agency spend between January 2025 to October 2025 (£)
Psychiatry	Agency Specialist Medical	22,902.15
	Agency Medical Consultant	2,067,279.08
	Agency Medical Specialist Registrar (SPR)	901,590.46
	Agency Medical Senior House Officer (SHO) & House Officer (HO)	9,638.16
	Agency Medical Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR) Career Grade	527,746.59
	Agency Junior Doctor ST4	6,324.44
	Agency Junior Doctor ST3	35,922.04
GP	Agency Junior Doctor ST1	49,438.89
	Agency Other Medical	1,899.98
	Agency Medical Consultant	2,002,487.62
Community	Agency Medical SPR	25,982.18
Grand Total		5,651,211.59

Question 3: Total off framework spend for the same period

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 has transitioned to a new system and, as a result, 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 regrets that it is not in a position 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



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without being broken down by on/off framework. If this is helpful then please submit a new request outlining your refined requirements.

Question 4: Breakdown of grade and department the off framework spend was used in.

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

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Question 5: The breakdown of spend between Direct Engagement placements and Non Direct Engagement placements.

Answer: Direct engagement doctors - total spend between January 2025 and present (October 2025) - £1,441,998.00.

Non-direct engagement doctors - total spend between January 2025 and present (October 2025) £300,509.00.

Question 6: Of the non direct engagement spend – what departments and grade of doctor was this used in?

Answer: Department: Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service - Bedfordshire and Luton.
Grade: Consultant.

Question 7: List of all of the Service/General Managers and rota Co-Ordinator's at the trust including departments they look after.

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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 information you have requested has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.



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