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**Our reference: FOI DA6288**

I am responding to your request for information received 3 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:

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

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

- Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses 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 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.

Section 16(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Section 16 (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.*

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 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

**Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses**

Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses 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 April 2025 to 30th June 2025 please provide a breakdown of:**

- **Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider agencies for locum nurses**

**Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:**

- **Bank spend per band**
- **Spend per specialty**

**Answer:** Please see table below:

<b>Total bank spend for locum nurses between 1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025 per banding</b>	
<b>Banding</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
Bank nurse band 4	0.00
Bank nurse band 5	1,908,262.95
Bank nurse band 6	1,051,277.89
Bank nurse band 7	336,956.09
Bank nurse band 8	21,194.66
Bank Nurse - other	9,717.59
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,327,409.18</b>

- **Spend per specialty**
- **Spend per agency name**

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the spend per agency name as it does not utilise agencies for Bank staff employment, nor does it record spend per specialty due to the structure of directorates. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 4: Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025)**

Answer: 1408 nursing shifts.

**Question 5: Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025)**

Answer: 35 nursing shifts.

**Question 6: Please confirm the framework you utilise for nursing agency staff.**

Answer: Workforce Alliance Framework.



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