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We are responding to your request for information received 6 November 2025. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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

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Request:

Question 1: In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- **Spend per grade**
- **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.

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 Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Trust has a duty to provide a reasonable level of 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 August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locums doctors

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- **Spend per grade**
- **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.

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

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
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Question 3: In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

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

Answer:

Associate Specialist Bank	2,596.06
Bank General Practitioner	69,191.77
Bank Other Medical Staff	719,703.70
Bank Specialty Doctor	351,999.48
Consultant - Bank	569,962.44
Specialist Registrar Bank	426,256.38

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

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

Answer: Please see table below:

a. Grade	b. Speciality	Spend per grade for internal bank locum doctors between 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025
Consultants	General Practitioner	The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: <i>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</i>
Consultants	Consultant	
Career/staff grade	Associate Specialist	
Career/staff grade	Other Medical Staff	
Career/staff grade	Specialty Doctor	
Career/staff grade	Specialist Registrar	



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		<p><i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i></p> <p>East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.</p>
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c) Spend per internal or associated external provider

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3c of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
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(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. 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 doctors for the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025

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

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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

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 name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your trust.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:
(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

Question 5:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/anon_response_-_foi_da5741.pdf



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