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Our reference: FOI DA6755

We are responding to your request for information received 3rd August 2026. 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 May 2026 to 31st July 2026 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 record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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 disclose the following information to assist you with your request.

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 May 2026 to 31st July 2026 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.

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Question 3: In the period 1st May 2026 to 31st July 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

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

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

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

Answer: Total Trust spend: £1,970,543.80

Spend per grade:

- Consultant: £1,087,747.31
- CT / ST 1-3: £161,895.61
- CT1: £2,519.48
- CT3: £8,794.42
- General Practitioner: £16,457.50
- On Call CT / HT: £88,249.03
- SAS: £ 274,843.01
- Specialty Doctor/staff grade: £294,532.32
- Specialty Training (ST4+): £26,265.12
- ST4: £9,240.00

Spend per internal or associated external provider:

- Bank: £1,379,956.52
- Agency: £590,587.28

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



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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information broken down by specialty as requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st May 2026 to 31st July 2026

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 have a centrally allocated budget for locum staffing. Each requirement is assessed on a role-by-role basis against the relevant service's budget and establishment. The Trust 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: Health Trust Europe



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