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**Our reference: FOI DA5443**

I am responding to your request for information received 13 June 2024. 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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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: Who is the head of temporary staffing responsible for approving on-framework agency usage for Allied Health Professionals?**

Answer: Kevin Curnow, Executive Director of Commercial Development.

**Question 2: Please provide the contact number and email address for the head of temporary staffing responsible for approving on-framework agency usage for AHPs**

Answer: Tel: 020 7655 4000.  
Email: [elft.procurement@nhs.net](mailto:elft.procurement@nhs.net)

**Question 3: Who are the departmental managers responsible for on-framework agency usage for the following departments at the hospitals associated with the Trust?**

**a) Physiotherapy**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3a 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 2

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4859.pdf>

**b) Occupational Therapy**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3b 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 7

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4859.pdf>

**c) Pharmacy**

Answer: Agency use for Pharmacy is managed by service leads at a local level. The Trust is therefore unable to identify specific managers.

**d) Radiography**

**e) Pathology (Biomedical Science)**



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The Trust has reviewed questions 3d and 3e 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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*(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide radiology or pathology services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 4: Please provide the contact number and email address for the department managers at the hospitals associated with the Trust.**

Answer: Agency use for Pharmacy is managed by service leads at a local level. The Trust is therefore unable to identify specific managers.

**Question 5: What was the Trust's on-framework agency spend for the following staffing groups between Jan 2024 - present:**

- a) Physiotherapy
- b) Occupational Therapy
- c) Pharmacy

Answer: Please see table below:

Staff Group	On-Framework Agency Spend – Jan 2024 – present (13 June 2024)
Physiotherapy	£106,401.88
Occupational Therapy	£121,491.53
Pharmacy	£1,257.60

- d) Radiography
- e) Pathology (Biomedical Science)

Answer The Trust has reviewed questions 4d and 4e of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 6: Based on % fill ratio, please provide a list of your top 5 on-framework agencies supplying agency staff in the following staffing groups:**

- a) Physiotherapy
- b) Occupational Therapy
- c) Pharmacy

Answer: Currently, the Trust has a Master Vendor (MV) in place. Pulse agency supplies staffing for all medical and Allied Health Professionals.



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**d) Radiography**  
**e) Pathology (Biomedical Science)**

Answer The Trust has reviewed questions 5d and 5e of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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