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I am responding to your request for information received 25 June 2024. 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:

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Wycliffe House
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Request:

Question 1a: Spending on agency staff (excluding bank staff) in 2023-24



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1a 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 3a

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/foi_da5332_-_appendix_1.pdf

Question 1b: The Trust's agency cap in 2023-24

Answer: The Trust does not have a limit/cap on the number of agency workers allowed at any one time. However, we endeavour to keep the reliance of agency workforce as minimal as possible. Agency rates are within the rates cap as set by NHS England.

The Trust's financial agency cap was £24.2 million.

Question 1c: The Trust's agency cap for 2024-25

Answer: The Trust does not have a limit/cap on the number of agency workers allowed at any one time. However, we endeavour to keep the reliance of agency workforce as minimal as possible. Agency rates are within the rates cap as set by NHS England.

The Trust's financial agency cap is £27.5 million.

Question 2a: The proportion and value of total agency spend in 2023-24 that was framework

Answer: Please see table below:

Total framework agency spend in 2023-24	Proportion
£9,934,381.64	85%

Question 2b: The proportion and value of total agency spend in 2023-24 that was off framework

Answer: Please see table below:

Total off-framework agency spend in 2023-24	Proportion
£1,751,424.58	15%

Question 3a: The value of spending on medical agency staff in 2023-24

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



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Question 3b: The Trust's total medical workforce spend in 2023-24

Answer: The Trust's total medical workforce spend in 2023-24 was £87,324,636.

Question 4a: In the years: 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21, off-framework expenditure broken down by: total for each year

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Off-framework spend
2023-24	£1,751,424.58
2022-23	£2,786,382.00
2021-22	£854,492.47
2020-21	£1,754,292.13

Question 4b: In the years 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21, off-framework expenditure broken down by; for all staff types (e.g. registered nurses, locum doctors)

Answer: Please see table below:

Off framework Expenditure				
Staff Group	Spend 2023-24	Spend 2022-23	Spend 2021-22	Spend 2020-21
Admin & Estates	£1,893.60	£0	£20,716.35	£17,396.60
Healthcare Assistants & Other Support	£615.00	£28,398.61	£11,354.53	£8,125.84
Medical	£856,045.08	£1,197,366.82	£219,804.06	£841,741.24
Nursing and Health Visiting	£732,913.23	£827,168.95	£450,996.68	£786,587.67
Other	£74,151.30	£34,292.17	£0	£0
Scientific, Therapeutic & Technical	£85,806.37	£699,155.45	£151,620.85	£100,440.78
Grand Total	£1,751,424.58	£2,786,382.00	£854,492.47	£1,754,292.13

Question 4c: In the years 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21, off-framework expenditure broken down by: numbers of individual staff in each of these categories (eg, registered nurses, locum doctors)

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



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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 on off-framework expenditure broken down by role as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4d: In the years 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21, off-framework expenditure broken down by: the total spend for each category. (eg, registered nurses, locum doctors)

Answer: Please see table below:

Framework Expenditure				
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Admin & Estates	£1,893.60	£0	£20,716.35	£17,396.60
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