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I am responding to your request for information received 15 July 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours.

When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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



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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: Dear East London NHS Foundation Trust,

I would like your help to understand headline details regarding the capital works undertaken or in hand by your trust within the past four years (ie. since 2020), specifically for schemes with a budget of £1 million or more. This includes projects that have received outline or full business case approval, are currently in construction, or have been completed.

To facilitate this request, I would appreciate it if, for each scheme, you could please provide the following details:

- Project Title
- New Build or Refurb
- Forecast Completion (Year)
- Budget (Indicative)
- Project Manager
- QS
- Architect
- Structural Engineer
- MEP Engineer
- Contractor (if appointed)

I do not require any personal details; only the company names involved in these projects are necessary. If there are sensitivities around disclosing budget information, then this information is not essential. Equally I will accept the information that is easily retrievable, if elements are not readily available.

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

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to review all capital works records within this period as currently there is no central record of capital projects completed, and the consultants / contractors employed. In order to gather this data which may not be fully comprehensive, especially over multiple years, it will take over 18 hours to process.

This information is more realistically achievable for projects over the last two years, and if limited to projects over £1 million.



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