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I am responding to your request for information received 11^h September 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.

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
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request:

Question 1: I would like to know the total amount of trust spending on services by law firms for services related to maternity care or neonatal care in each year from 2021-2023 inclusive [whether calendar year or financial year, depending on how the data is collected], including non-legal services such as investigations and reviews. Please break these figures out by year.

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—
(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 is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide services relating to births as described. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Please indicate which law firms have supplied these services and give the total spending on each of the law firms from which the trust has purchased these services. Please break these figures out by year

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