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I am responding to your request for information received 25th November 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.

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: Insourcing is a term used to describe the provision of medical specialty, consultant-led surgical or clinical services, which are deployed to a participating authority within existing structures to utilise spare, out-of-hours capacity, typically at weekends and evenings, within a trust. Insourcing is not the deployment of temporary workers or the use of temporary staffing agencies to support with capacity and demand planning, and the supply or management of temporary workers into a trust.

Please see this for the full definition <https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/guidance-for-trusts-on-the-use-of-insourcing/>

Question 1: What was the Trust's total insourcing spending for the last three financial years (ending March)?

Answer: In the last three financial years, the Trust did not incur any insourcing expenditure.

Question 2: What was the Trust's total insourcing spending on a) ophthalmology b) gastroenterology c) dermatology d) ENT for the last three financial years (ending March)?

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 ophthalmology, gastroenterology, dermatology or ENT services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: What was the Trust's total insourcing spending on
a) 18 Week Support b) Medinet c) HBS UK (Healthcare Business Solutions UK)

Answer: The Trust does not use an insourcing company.



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