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I am responding to your request for information received 12 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.

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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Wilmslow
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Request:

Question 1: Please disclose how much (total £) the trust has spent on on-framework agency, off-framework agency, and bank staff in the past four full financial years (2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24).

In this instance, "on-framework" refers to organisations on NHS England's list of approved staffing providers. "Off-framework" refers to those who are not on this list but still provide services to trusts.

The figures should pertain to totals in each financial year and overall since 1 April 2020 (i.e., the start of the 2020/21 financial year).

If possible, please also disclose:

Answer: Please see table below:

Spend type	Total spend in the past four full financial years (2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24). (£)
Off-framework	7,146,591.18
On-framework	52,961,266.14
Bank	144,038,151.65

Question 2: A breakdown by total for all three (i.e., £2m on "on-framework", £800k for "off-framework", £1.2m for bank) in each of the four financial years; and

Answer: Please see tables below:

Financial Year	On-framework expenditure (£)
2020/21	15,617,655.97
2021/22	13,886,488.15
2022/23	13,519,434.31
2023/24	The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i> The information requested is accessible here: Question 2a: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-07/anon_response_-_foi_da5464.pdf

Financial Year	Off-framework expenditure
2020/21	The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.
2021/22	
2022/23	
2023/24	Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:



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	<p>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</p> <p>The information requested is accessible here:</p> <p>Question 4a:</p> <p>https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-07/anon_response_-_foi_da5464.pdf</p>
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Financial Year	Bank expenditure (£)
2020/21	37,315,942.40
2021/22	42,859,652.13
2022/23	46,891,691.90
2023/24	50,467,173.51

Question 3: If available, the top three specialties by spend in each of the four financial years (e.g., gynaecology, dermatology, cardiology).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 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 does not record the information on specialities for framework and off-framework staff as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Please see table below for specialities for Bank staff:

Financial Year	Top three Bank specialities
2020/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult mental health inpatient wards • Forensic nursing • Covid-19
2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult mental health inpatient wards • Forensic nursing • Vaccine centre
2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult mental health inpatient wards • Forensic nursing • Inpatient services
2023/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult mental health inpatient wards • Forensic nursing • Inpatient services



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