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I am responding to your request for information received **5th April 2022**. 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,



Lara Cousens
Information Governance Manager – Information Rights

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Request: Request for Information on ADHD and ASD Services for CYP (5+) and Adults (18+) for Bedfordshire and Luton

ADHD – Bedfordshire and Luton only

Question 1: What were the average wait times between referral and the start of assessment for CYP (5+) with ADHD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 2: What were the average wait times between referral and the start of assessment for Adults (18+) with ADHD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 3: How many CYP (5+) with ADHD were on a waiting list for assessment and diagnosis between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 4: How many Adults (18+) with ADHD were on a waiting list for assessment and diagnosis between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 5: How many referrals were received for CYP (5+) ADHD assessments between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 6: How many referrals were received for Adults (18+) ADHD assessments between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 7: How many assessments were carried out on average per month for CYP (5+) with ADHD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 8: How many assessments were carried out on average per month for Adults (18+) with ADHD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Question 9: What is the cost per head for CYP (5+) ADHD assessment and diagnosis

Question 10: What is the cost per head for Adults (18+) ADHD assessment and diagnosis

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

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(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 have a dedicated ADHD team for Adults or Children and Young People in Bedfordshire and Luton and does not record waiting times, referrals, assessments or costs specifically for ADHD and can therefore not provide this information.

Question 11: What is the staff/skill mix and total WTE of staff directly involved in assessment and diagnosis for CYP(5+) with ADHD

Question 12: What is the staff/skill mix and total WTE of staff directly involved in assessment and diagnosis for Adults (18+) with ADHD

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a dedicated ADHD team for Adults or Children and Young People in Bedfordshire and Luton. ADHD services are provided as part of the wider mental health services. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.

ASD – Bedfordshire and Luton only

Question 1: What were the average wait times between referral and the start of assessment for CYP (5+) with ASD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a dedicated ASD team for Children and Young People in Bedfordshire and Luton and does not record waiting times, referrals, assessments or costs specifically for ASD and can therefore not provide this information.

Question 2: What were the average wait times between referral and the start of assessment for Adults (18+) with ASD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Answer: It is difficult to give a reliable average or median figure as patients are not seen in strict chronological order. Allocation of appointments is subject to various factors such as whether screening questionnaires have been returned and the patient's choice of remote (video) or face-to-face assessment. Approximately the shortest time was 20 weeks & longest wait was 120 weeks. We hope this is helpful to you.

Question 3: How many CYP (5+) with ASD were on a waiting list for assessment and diagnosis between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a dedicated ASD team for Children and Young People in Bedfordshire and Luton and does not record waiting times, referrals, assessments or costs specifically for ASD and can therefore not provide this information.

Question 4: How many Adults (18+) with ASD were on a waiting list for assessment and diagnosis between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21



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Answer: At the time the information was collated there were 366 people awaiting an appointment.

Question 5: How many referrals were received for CYP (5+) ASD assessments between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

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Question 6: How many referrals were received for Adults (18+) ASD assessments between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Answer: At the time the information was collated there were 570 referrals received.

Question 7: How many assessments were carried out on average per month for CYP (5+) with ASD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

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Question 8: How many assessments were carried out on average per month for Adults (18+) with ASD between 1/1/21 and 31/12/21

Answer: For stage one appointments there were 17 assessments carried out on average per month.
For stage two appointments there were 9 assessments carried out on average per month.
This is a total 26.5 on average per month.

Question 9: What is the cost per head for CYP (5+) ASD assessment and diagnosis

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a dedicated ASD team for Children and Young People in Bedfordshire and Luton and does not record waiting times, referrals, assessments or costs specifically for ASD and can therefore not provide this information.

Question 10: What is the cost per head for Adults (18+) ASD assessment and diagnosis?

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record costs specifically for ASD and can therefore not provide this information.

Question 11: What is the staff/skill mix and total WTE of staff directly involved in assessment and diagnosis for CYP (5+) with ASD

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a dedicated ASD team for Children and Young People in Bedfordshire and Luton. ASD services are provided as part of the wider mental health services with a mix of staff supporting each areas as necessary. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.

Question 12: What is the staff/skill mix and total WTE of staff directly involved in assessment and diagnosis for Adults (18+) with ASD

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