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I am responding to your request for information received **29th June 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,



Shuchi Joshi
Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

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
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Request: For Bedfordshire and Luton only.

Question 1: How many adults have sought an autism diagnosis year on year since 2010?

Answer:

Year	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Referrals	X	X	100	298	299	350	404	358	566	547

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals for some years and therefore has the potential for those individuals to be identified. We can therefore not provide this information which could contravene The Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR. Where a figure would have been less than five, an X has been entered in its place.

Question 2: What numbers in each age range were people when they sought a diagnosis eg aged between 18 – 30, 30-40 etc?

Answer:

Age Bracket	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Under 18	X	X	6	X	10	10	16	8	18	20
18 to 30	X	32	147	270	267	280	334	318	539	506
31 to 40	X	15	77	113	116	131	181	119	236	255
41 to 50	X	10	44	85	89	114	133	110	127	112
51 to 60	X	7	21	43	31	70	61	39	73	70
61 to 70	X	X	X	7	12	20	10	13	8	17
Over 70	X	X	X	X	X	X	6	5	X	X

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Question 3: Were reasons given for seeking a diagnosis and if so have the numbers for each reason been collated?

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 requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 4: How many autistic adults are recorded with autism who are receiving mental health treatment?

Answer: 20



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Question 5: How many autistic adults are recorded with autism who have received any healthcare treatment?

Answer: 147

Question 6: How many autistic adults are recorded with autism who have committed suicide since 2015?

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Question 7: How many autistic adults are recorded with autism and have had treatment for an eating disorder?

Answer: 16

Question 8: How are autistic adults identified in their notes so that professionals know their patient is autistic?

Answer: All the clinical systems used by the Trust have an autism alert or label. Please note that unless this is a formal diagnosis our services would be dependent on the service user accurately making us aware.



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