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I am responding to your request for information received 3 February 2023 which you clarified on 6 February 2023. 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.

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Request:

Question 1: The number of young people on your waiting list for a first appointment and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.

Clarification: A snapshot for a single day in February for those days but also an annual number of referrals for those years in whatever way you record them please if possible.

Clarification: Please confirm whether the figures you provide for waiting lists and times included psychological services, ADHD assessment etc?

If not, please could you send new figures including that service if you provide it?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | The total number of referrals received |
|------|----------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 9939 |
| 2021 | 18238 |
| 2022 | 19021 |

Total number of clients currently on the waiting list: 1878
The current waiting list includes CYPs waiting for generic assessment and specialist assessment e.g. ADHD, Autism etc.

Question 2: The number of young people on your list who had an assessment but have not started any therapeutic intervention and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.

Clarification: Please disregard this question.

Instead are you able to tell me the total number of referrals in 2022, 2021 and 2017?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | The total number of referrals received |
|------|----------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 9939 |
| 2021 | 18238 |
| 2022 | 19021 |

Question 3: The average length of time young people are waiting for a first appointment and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.

Clarification: Are you able to give a snapshot of the average wait time now, plus the average wait time in 2021 and 2017?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | Average time seen to first contact |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 36 Days |
| 2021 | 10 Days |

Snapshot of the average wait time now = 89 days.



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Question 4: The average length of time young people are waiting between initial referral and treatment beginning and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | Average length of time between initial referral and treatment beginning |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 74 Days |
| 2021 | 24 Days |
| 2023 | 30 days |

Question 5: Your annual budget and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.

Clarification: For CAMHS please, and the Trust's budget.

Answer: Please see table below:

| Financial Year | Annual CAMHS Budget |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 2017-2018 | £19,719,812 |
| 2021-2022 | £39,138,310 |

Question 6: How many young people referred in to the service were refused treatment in 2022, 2021 and 2017?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 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 as there no “refused treatment” field in our data capture. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 7: The longest time any young person has been on your current waiting list (as of the date of the receipt of this email)

Answer: The longest time waiting for first appointment in CAMHS is 777 days. And this CYP is on our specialist waiting list for Autism assessment.



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