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I am responding to your request for information received 29 December 2022. I am sincerely 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,



Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

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**Chief Executive:** Paul Calaminus  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your Trust area**

Answer: East London NHS Foundation Trust.

**Question 1a: When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end**

Answer: The current contract began on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022-31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Question 1b: What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?**

Answer: The CYP ADHD services is a small part of a wider CYP service and our records do not support an accurate breakdown of the costs that relate specifically to ADHD. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 1c: How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?**

Answer: Block.

**Question 1d: If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?**

Answer: For East London - the CAMHS ADHD assessment and diagnostic pathway is part of our local CCG CAMHS commissioned service.

For Bedfordshire & Luton - the services are provided by Child Development Centre.

**Question 1e: At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?**

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**Question 2: Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ADHD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ADHD support in your Trust area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.**

Answer: Yes.

**Question 3: Please outline the CYP ADHD pathway in your area, including key referral sources**

Answer: The Trust does not have a separate pathway for ADHD. All ADHD CYPs sit within Emotional wellbeing pathway.



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**Question 4: How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ADHD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?**

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**Question 4a: Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?**

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**Question 4b: Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?**

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**Question 4c: Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years**

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**Question 5: For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the Trust who were:**

**Question 5a: Referred for ADHD assessment**



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**Question 5b: Given an ADHD assessment**

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**Question 5c: Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted**

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**Question 5d: Diagnosed with ADHD**

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In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records in order to respond to a Freedom of Information Request. Therefore we are unable to provide a response.

- Question 6: For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:**
- a. Qualified psychiatrists**
  - b. Paediatricians**
  - c. Speech and Language therapists**
  - d. Clinical Psychologists**
  - e. For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees**

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This information is not held by the Trust. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ADHD services in the Trust. If the Trust does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ADHD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively**

**Question 7: Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) adult ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your Trust area**

Answer: East London NHS Foundation Trust.

**Question 7a: When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end**

Answer: The current contract began on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022-31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Question 7b: What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?**

Answer: Please see table below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Spend</b>
2018-19	£8,834.00
2019-20	£28,887.00
2020-21	£40,871.00
2021-22	£82,703.82
2022-23	£180,523.23

**Question 7c: How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?**

Answer: Block.

**Question 7d: If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 7e: At what prevalence (% of the adult population) have the contracts been commissioned against?**

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**Question 8: Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver adult ADHD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ADHD support in your Trust area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.**

Answer: Yes.

**Question 9: Please outline the adult ADHD pathway in your area, including key referral sources**

Answer: Please see table below:

Area	ADHD Pathway
Newham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referral made to CIMHS by the GP for ADHD assessment</li> <li>- Referral screened for any co-morbidity</li> <li>- If only ADHD assessment is required SU is placed on waitlist</li> <li>- Assessment carried out by doctor over 1 or 2 sessions</li> <li>- Appropriate FU care established at assessment and carried out</li> <li>- SU discharged back to the GP</li> </ul>
City & Hackney	The primary referral source is GPs and the referrals come to us via the Neighbourhood teams. The neighbourhood team undertake the initial assessment and for suspected/ or previously confirmed ADHD the service user gets referred to the specialist ADHD team.
Tower Hamlets	The Tower Hamlets population needs are supported by the City & Hackney ADHD service. The resources have been put into City & Hackney to support the Tower Hamlets population's needs. The referral from Tower Hamlets is sent to the City & Hackney ADHD service.

**Question 10: How many adults are currently waiting for an Adult ADHD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?**

Answer: Patients currently waiting for an ADHD assessment: 2052.  
 Longest wait time from referral: 1449 days.  
 Median wait time from a referral: 192 days.

**Question 10a: Within the last year, how many adults were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?**

Answer: In 2022, 618 adults were assessed within twelve weeks of referral.

**Question 10b: Within the last year, how many adults were discharged without assessment?**

Answer: In 2022, 164 adults were discharged without an assessment.

**Question 11: For the last 5 years, please give the number of adult patients per year in the Trust who were:**



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### Question 11a: Referred for an ADHD assessment

Answer: Please see table below:

Period	Total Referral
2018	245
2019	495
2020	373
2021	828
2022	1297

### Question 11b: Given an ADHD assessment

Answer: Please see table below:

Period	Total Assessments
2018	119
2019	252
2020	204
2021	579
2022	1174

### Question 11c: Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 11 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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### Question 11d: Diagnosed with ADHD

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**Question 12: For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:**

- a. Qualified psychiatrists**
- b. b. Paediatricians**
- c. c. Speech and Language therapists**
- d. d. Clinical Psychologists**
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**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 12 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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