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I am responding to your request for information received 11 May 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.

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
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and in relation to disabled children's occupational therapy (OT) services provided in your area (Newham), I would be grateful if you could provide the following information to us:

Question 1: What was the average timeframe from referral of a disabled child to the Occupational Therapy service to the comprehensive assessment of their needs by an Occupational Therapist?

For the following two periods:

- 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
- 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 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 classify persons as 'disabled' on its system(s), so does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: From the date of receipt of this request (11 May 2023):

Answer: a) How many disabled children are currently waiting for an assessment?

The Trust has reviewed question 2a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Answer: b. After being referred, what is the longest waiting time that a disabled child is currently waiting for an assessment?

The Trust has reviewed question 2b of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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