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I am responding to your request for information received 2 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:

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on waiting times for ADHD assessments in England:

Question 1: The number of undiagnosed children (under the age of 18) currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment on the NHS.

Question 1a. Please can you also provide the same information for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 and 1a 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's CAMHS does not have dedicated ADHD teams and as such the information requested is not recorded. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide a response.

Question 2: The current average waiting time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD assessment after being referred from a GP on the NHS.

Question 2a. The longest waiting time for a child currently on the list.

Question 2b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

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

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Question 3: How many child assessments were done in the past year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

Question 3a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 and 3a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust's CAMHS does not have dedicated ADHD teams and as such the information requested is not recorded. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide a response.

Question 4: The current average waiting time for a child (under the age of 18) between ADHD diagnosis and starting treatment on the NHS. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by type of treatment (medication or behavioural therapy)

Question 4a. The longest waiting time between diagnosis and treatment for a child currently on the list.

Question 4b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4, 4a and 4b of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5: The number of undiagnosed adults currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment on the NHS.

Answer: The total number of adults currently on the ADHD waiting list is 4383.

Question 5a. Please can you also provide the same information for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information which would facilitate retrospective data around waiting times as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 6: The current average wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.



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Answer: The average waiting time of those patients with a referral open to a Trust adult ADHD team to be seen for a first direct achieved appointment is 163 days.

Question 6a. The longest waiting time for an adult currently on the list.

Answer: The longest waiting time of those patients with a referral open to a Trust adult ADHD team to be seen for a first direct achieved appointment is 1340 days.

Question 6b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Average Wait to be seen for a first direct achieved appointment (Days)
2018/19	84
2019/20	126
2020/21	112
2021/22	104
2022/23	145

Question 7: How many adult assessments were done in the past year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

Question 7a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Male	Female	Total
2018/2019	201	132	333
2019/2020	213	173	386
2020/2021	200	184	384
2021/2022	456	525	981
2022/2023	645	781	1426

The figures for questions 7 and 7a are the number of patients seen in a first direct achieved appointment for the referral in the financial year in question.

Question 8: The current average waiting time for an adult between ADHD diagnosis and starting treatment on the NHS. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by type of treatment (medication or behavioural therapy).

Answer: Please see table below:



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Number of patients commencing treatment	Average waiting time in days between referral to treatment
76	339

Question 8a. The longest waiting time between diagnosis and treatment for an adult currently on the list.

Answer: The longest waiting time from referral to treatment is 961 days.

Question 8b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Average wait time in days between referral to treatment (who commenced treatment in the financial year in question)
2018/2019	190
2019/2020	226
2020/2021	243
2021/2022	282
2022/2023	298



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