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I am responding to your request for information received 5 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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Request:

Question 1: The number of referrals in to your neurodevelopmental services for young people for 2017, 2021 and 2022.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	SCYPS	CAMHS MH Services	Total Number of referrals Trustwide
2017	111	657	768
2021	184	968	1152
2022	186	1010	1196

*Please note: SCYPS relates to services in one borough only whereas CAMHS covers three London boroughs and three local authority areas in Bedfordshire and Luton.

Question 2: The average wait in weeks for a first assessment/appointment within your neurodevelopmental services for young people for 2017, 2021 and 2022.

Answer: 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 have the ability to establish the average wait in weeks for neurodevelopmental assessments. In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to conduct a manual search through 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 3: The number of young people waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment as of the date of this request or the nearest available date please.

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not hold neurodevelopmental assessment waiting lists on the clinical system. In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to conduct a manual search through 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 4: The number of young people referred to your neurodevelopmental services who were discharged without an assessment or treatment for 2017, 2021 and 2022 please.



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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have the ability to establish how many people were referred and discharged without an neurodevelopmental assessment on the clinical system. In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to conduct a manual search to through 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 5: The longest wait in weeks of any young person awaiting a first appointment with your neurodevelopmental services as of the date of this request or nearest available date.

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have hold the longest wait for a neurodevelopmental assessment on the clinical system. In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to conduct a manual search through 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: If you do not offer neurodevelopmental assessments please could you tell me who does in your area.

Answer: Not applicable.



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