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I am responding to your request for information received 31 August 2023. 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,



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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: I am looking for information about waiting times for adult eating disorders treatment. As such, under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Question 1: Number of adults currently waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder in your trust as of August 2023.

Answer: As of August 2023, nineteen adults were waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder.

I'd also like that information for the following years:
Aug 2018
Aug 2019
Aug 2020
Aug 2021
and Aug 2022.

Answer: The Trust does not hold waiting list information for previous years and is therefore unable to provide a response to this question.

Question 2: Number of children and young people currently waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder in your trust as of August 2023.

Answer: As of August 2023, eight children were waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder.

I'd also like that information for the following years:
Aug 2018
Aug 2019
Aug 2020
Aug 2021
and Aug 2022.

Answer: The Trust does not hold waiting list information for previous years and is therefore unable to provide a response to this question.

Question 3: Average waiting time in weeks for adults referred to specialist treatment for an eating disorder from assessment to the start of treatment as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years:
Aug 2018
Aug 2019
Aug 2020
Aug 2021
and Aug 2022.

Answer: Please see table below:

	Average waiting time from assessment to treatment (weeks)
01/08/2018-31/07/2019	35
01/08/2019-31/07/2020	75
01/08/2020-31/07/2021	69
01/08/2021-31/07/2022	84
01/08/2022-31/07/2023	65



Question 4: Average waiting time in weeks for children and young people referred to specialist treatment for an eating disorder from assessment to the start of treatment as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years:

Aug 2018

Aug 2019

Aug 2020

Aug 2021

and Aug 2022.

Answer: Please see table below:

	Average waiting time from assessment to treatment (weeks)
01/08/2018-31/07/2019	26
01/08/2019-31/07/2020	36
01/08/2020-31/07/2021	77
01/08/2021-31/07/2022	80
01/08/2022-31/07/2023	57

Question 5: What is the longest estimated waiting of a current patient as of August 2023?

Answer: 43 weeks.

Question 6: Number of specialist eating disorder staff currently employed by the trust to provide treatment for specialist treatment of eating disorders as of August 2023.

I'd also like that information for the following years:

Aug 2018

Aug 2019

Aug 2020

Aug 2021

and Aug 2022.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of specialist eating disorder staff currently employed by the trust
August 2018	20
August 2019	25
August 2020	26
August 2021	34
August 2022	52
August 2023	68



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