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I am responding to your request for information received 1 December 2023 and clarified on 5 January 2024. 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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** For the year from 1st August 2022 to 1st August 2023 inclusive:

**Question 1:** What was the average wait time for mental health patients to be admitted to a specialist bed in a mental health hospital, from the time of referral to the mental health team?

**Clarification:** Specialist bed - To clarify I mean just a bed in a mental health hospital for both adults and children please.

**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's clinical system does not record how long a patient is waiting to be admitted as requested and therefore, the Trust is unable to provide a response.

**Question 2:** What was the longest an individual mental health patient waited to be admitted to a specialist bed in a mental health hospital, from the time of referral to the mental health team?

**Clarification:** Specialist bed - To clarify I mean just a bed in a mental health hospital for both adults and children please.

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

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

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(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
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**Question 3:** How many mental health patients in your Trust were admitted to a specialist bed in a mental health hospital?

**Clarification:** Specialist bed - To clarify I mean just a bed in a mental health hospital for both adults and children please.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Date	Speciality	Number of patients admitted
August 2022 - August 2023	Adult Acute	3044
August 2022 - August 2023	Adult PICU	218
August 2022 - August 2023	CAMHS	62
August 2022 - August 2023	CAMHS PICU	48



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August 2022 - August 2023	Forensic	56
August 2022 - August 2023	Older Adult	252
August 2022 - August 2023	Perinatal	48



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