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I am responding to your request for information received 16 February 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:

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Request:

Question 1: How many people are currently on your waiting list for ADHD assessments? Please break this down between children and adults.

Answer: There are currently 6473 adults on the ADHD waiting list.

East London NHS Foundation Trust's children's service 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: How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023? If possible, please break this down between children and adults.

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

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested for adults in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 is accessible here:

Question 3ii

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-07/ANON%20%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4688.pdf>

For 2023:

The number of assessments carried out in 2023 was 1476.

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Question 3: How many ADHD referrals did you receive each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? Please break this down between children and adults.

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

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The information requested for adults in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 is accessible here:

Question 3i

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For 2023:

The number of adult ADHD referrals received in 2023 was 5792.



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Question 4: How many ADHD referrals did you accept each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? Please break this down between children and adults.

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

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The information requested for adults in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 is accessible here:

Question 3iv

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For 2023:

The number of adult ADHD referrals accepted in 2023 was 5364.

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Question 5: What is the (mean) average time patients wait between referral and an assessment for ADHD for each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? If possible, please break this down between children and adults.

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

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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The information requested for adults in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 is accessible here:

Question 2a

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4331.pdf>

For 2022 the average wait time for adult ADHD patients was 164 days.
For 2023 the average wait time for adult ADHD patients was 210 days.

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