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**Our reference: FOI DA5229**

I am responding to your request for information received 20 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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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** Please consider this a Freedom of Information request. This is a part of a research project looking at NHS trusts for ADHD and ASD.

**Question 1:** Does your Trust deal with any of the following: (A yes/no is sufficient)  
a) Adult ADHD diagnosis  
b) Child and/or Adolescent ADHD diagnosis  
c) Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis  
d) Child and/or Adolescent Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis

**Answer:** a) Adult ADHD diagnosis – Yes.  
b) Child and/or Adolescent ADHD diagnosis – Yes.  
c) Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis – Yes.  
d) Child and/or Adolescent Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis – Yes.

**If East London NHS Foundation Trust does deal with any of these diagnosis pathways, for all that apply, please provide:**

### **Adult ADHD Diagnoses**

**Question 2ai: Average wait time from referral to first appointment.**

**Answer:** The average wait time from referral to first appointment is 182 days.

**Question 2aii: Average wait time from referral to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

**Answer:** The average time from referral to discharge is 372 days.

**Question 2aiii: Number of individuals on the wait list as of 31 December 2023 (or nearest available date).**

**Answer:** The number of patients on the waiting list as of 5 March 2024 is 4472.

**Question 2aiv: Average wait time from first appointment to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

**Answer:** The average time from first appointment to discharge in teams identified as ADHD for year 2023 is 216 days.

### **Child and Adolescent ADHD Diagnosis**

**Question 2bi: average wait time from referral to first appointment.**

**Answer:** 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 2bii: Average wait time from referral to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2bii 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 is accessible here:



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Question 6:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4702.pdf>

**Question 2biii: Number of individuals on the wait list as of 31 December 2023 (or nearest available date).**

Answer: 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 2biv: Average wait time from first appointment to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

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

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### **Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis**

**Question 2ci: Average wait time from referral to first appointment.**

Answer: The average wait time from referral to first appointment is 182 days.

**Question 2cii: Average wait time from referral to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

Answer: The average time from referral to discharge is 372 days

**Question 2ciii: Number of individuals on the wait list as of 31 December 2023 (or nearest available date).**

Answer: The number of patients on the waiting list as of 5 March 2024 is 4472.

**Question 2civ: Average wait-time from first appointment to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

Answer: The average time from first appointment to discharge in teams identified as ADHD for year 2023 is 216 days.

### **Child and/or Adolescent Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis**

**Question 2di: average wait-time from referral to first appointment.**

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

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**Question 2dii: Average wait time from referral to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

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**Question 2diii: Number of individuals on the wait list as of 31 December 2023 (or nearest available date).**

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

**Question 2div: Average wait-time from first appointment to decision on diagnosis/discharge from diagnostic service.**

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

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