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I am responding to your request for information received 21 March 2025. 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

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Request: I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the waiting times for ADHD assessments within East London NHS Foundation Trust.
I would appreciate it if you could provide the information requested for each of the following financial years:

- 2024 – 2025 (to date)
- 2023 – 2024
- 2022 – 2023
- 2021 – 2022

I would also greatly appreciate if the information requested could be broken down by the following two metrics:

- Gender
- Age – specifically whether the patients are adults or children

Question 1: The number of patients who received an ADHD assessment each year.

Answer: Please see tables below:

Financial Year	The number of patients who received an ADHD assessment each year.
2024 – 2025	1862
	<p>The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: <i>Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—</i> <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i></p> <p>East London NHS Foundation Trust's children's services does not have dedicated ADHD teams and as such the information requested is not recorded. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide a response.</p>
2023 – 2024	<p>The Trust has reviewed request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i></p> <p>The information requested is accessible here:</p> <p>Question 3a: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/foi_da5551_-_appendix_1_-_final.pdf</p>
2022 – 2023	
2021 – 2022	



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The number of patients who received an ADHD assessment each year.				
Financial Year	Gender		Number of patients seen – broken down by age group.	
	Male	Female	Age Group	Number of patients
2024 – 2025	764	1097	18-25 –	504
			26-34 –	650
			35-49 –	570
			50-69	137
			70-79	1
			80+	0
			Not known	1
2023 – 2024	713	922	18-25 –	483
			26-34 –	572
			35-49 –	469
			50-69	109
			70-79	2
			80+	0
2022 – 2023	800	912	18-25 –	563
			26-34 –	660
			35-49 –	406
			50-69	83
			70-79	0
			80+	0
2021 – 2022	489	546	Not known	1
			18-25 –	315
			26-34 –	391
			35-49 –	269
			50-69	59
			70-79	1
			80+	0

Question 2: The number of patients on the waiting list to receive an ADHD Assessment at the end of each financial year.

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:

*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 children's services does not have dedicated ADHD teams and as such the information requested is not recorded. In addition, the information regarding such waiting list figures at the end of each financial year is not recorded, only the information correct as of today. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide a response.

However, to advise and assist, please see below for accurate figures as of 19 May 2025.

- Number of patients on the waiting list to receive an ADHD Assessment – 7,790
- Male – 4,732
- Female – 3,051



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- Age Group:
 - 18-25 – 2089
 - 26-34 – 3086
 - 35-49 – 2184
 - 50-69 - 419
 - 70-79 - 5
 - 80+ - 0
 - Unknown (age and gender) – 14

Question 3: The average waiting time for an ADHD assessment from the date of referral to the date of diagnosis.

Answer: Please see tables below:

Financial Year	The average waiting time for an ADHD assessment from the date of referral to the date of diagnosis.
2024 – 2025	342 days.
	<p>The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: <i>Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—</i> <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i></p> <p>East London NHS Foundation Trust's children's services does not have dedicated ADHD teams and as such the information requested is not recorded. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide a response.</p>
2023 – 2024	<p>The Trust has reviewed request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i></p> <p>The information requested is accessible here:</p> <p>Question 3b: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/foi_da5551_-_appendix_1_-_final.pdf</p>
2022 – 2023	
2021 – 2022	



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The average waiting time (days) for an ADHD assessment, from the date of referral to the date of diagnosis, broken down by gender and by age group				
Financial Year	Gender		Age Group	Number of days
	Male	Female		
2024 – 2025	303	370	18-25 –	300
			26-34 –	360
			35-49 –	371
			50-69	333
			70-79	775
			80+	0
			Unknown	78
2023 – 2024	215	239	18-25 –	221
			26-34 –	250
			35-49 –	210
			50-69	226
			70-79	506
			80+	N/A
2022 – 2023	182	167	18-25 –	160
			26-34 –	198
			35-49 –	156
			50-69	149
			70-79	N/A
			80+	N/A
2021 – 2022	210	208	18-25 –	134
			26-34 –	244
			35-49 –	246
			50-69	197
			70-79	340
			80+	N/A



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