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We are responding to your request for information received 7th July 2026. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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Request:

Question 1: Does the Dementia Assessment provide an MRI scan?

Answer: East London: An MRI scan is not routinely provided for every person referred to the Memory Assessment Service. Where clinically indicated as part of the diagnostic assessment, the clinician may request an MRI brain scan (or other appropriate investigations) to support diagnosis.

Bedfordshire/Luton: We request scan as required from the local hospital

Question 2: Does the Dementia Assessment provide a home visit option?

Answer: East London: Yes, where clinically appropriate. Home assessments may be offered for individuals who are unable to attend a clinic because of their clinical needs or circumstances.

Bedfordshire/Luton: When required.

Question 3: Current typical length of waiting time for Dementia Assessment home visit (number of working days)

Answer: 19 days

Question 4: Current typical length of waiting time for Dementia Assessment clinic visit (number of working days)

Answer: 88 days

Question 5: Does the Dementia Assessment Service provide for an annual care plan appointment/review?

Answer: East London: Following diagnosis, people are offered post-diagnostic support, advice and signposting. For example in City & Hackney; Firstly, a nurse review within 6 weeks of diagnosis and dementia navigators within 3 months of allocation and ongoing care planning and 6 monthly reviews by Dementia Navigators, often delivered in partnership with primary care and other community services, depending on the individual's needs

Bedfordshire/Luton: No



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