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Our reference: FOI DA5220a

I am responding to your email of 11 April 2024 requesting clarity in relation to our response to your Freedom of Information request dated 28 March 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,



Keshia Harvey
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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: Just to confirm we are putting you down for doing ADHD assessments for children as well as adults – you just don't record the children's data for ADHD.

If this is wrong please let me know.

Answer: While the information is recorded, it is not separate from CAMHS assessments and therefore, we cannot report specifically on the numbers.

The Trust is commissioned to carry out ADHD assessments as part of understanding a range of child presenting needs and therefore, we do not report ADHD numbers separately. In some areas ADHD is assessed primarily in Child Development Centres by Paediatricians which is managed by local acute Trusts.



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Original Request:

We would just like to clarify the answers below to ensure we have the right figures. When looking at the FOI you attached, we have some queries:

Question 1: Question 2 (of DA5220): How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

We don't think 3ii on the FOI you attached answers our question, because we are asking how many ADHD assessments have been carried out. Looking at the FOI you attached the question nearest to answering this is 3iv. Please could you clarify this.

Answer: Please accept our apologies for the error in our previous response.

Please see table below:

Year	Number of adult ADHD assessment carried out
2018	338
2019	352
2020	470
2021	770
2022	1400
2023	1476

Question 2: Question 4: How many ADHD referrals did you accept each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? Please break this down between children and adults.

To clarify when we say 'accept' we mean how many referrals have been accepted and put on the list for referral, not how many official ADHD diagnoses were given. In this case we are looking at the answers for question 3 iii on the FOI link you sent, Is this correct?

Answer: Please accept our apologies for the error in our previous response. The Trust does not record information in the format that you have requested as all referrals received are screened prior to being referred for assessment. For completeness, please see corrected response in the table below:

Year	Number of adult individuals referred for assessment
2018	135
2019	266
2020	219
2021	578
2022	278
2023	1476

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.



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Original Request DA5220:

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.

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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.

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 3i

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For 2023:



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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.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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

Question 3iv

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

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:

(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 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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