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I am responding to your request for information received 27 August 2024 and clarified on 6 September 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: I am writing to make an official request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I seek details regarding the use of private healthcare providers by your Trust in relation to the delivery of mental health assessments and services. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

ADHD and Autism Assessments:

Question 1: How many people are currently on your waiting lists for ADHD and Autism Assessments? Please break this down for children and adults

Answer: Please see table below:

Patient type	Number on waiting list for ADHD and Autism assessments
Adults	8952
Children	140

Question 2: How many assessments have you carried out over the past three years? If possible, please break down for children and adults

Answer: Please see table below:

Total number of ADHD and Autism assessments between 01/01/21 – 31/12/2023	
Children	Adults
485	4627

Question 3: How many referrals did you receive for ADHD/Autism assessments for each calendar year over the past three years? Please break down for children and adults.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Referrals received for ADHD and Autism assessments	
	Children	Adults
2021	123	1823
2022	203	3322
2023	135	5755

Question 4: How many referrals did you accept for ADHD/Autism assessments for each calendar year over the past three years? Please break down for children and adults

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Referrals accepted for ADHD and Autism assessments	
	Children	Adults
2021	116	1323
2022	193	2287
2023	115	3583



Question 5: What is the (mean) average time patients wait between referral and an assessment for ADHD/Autism for each calendar year over the past three years? If possible, please break down for children and adults

Answer: Please see table below:

	Average number of days waiting time from referral to assessment for ADHD and Autism	
Year	Children	Adults
2021	64	174
2022	96	183
2023	115	214

Question 6: Does your Trust currently use private healthcare providers to assist in delivering ADHD and Autism assessments (for Adults & Children)?

Answer: No. The Trust does not work with external providers for ADHD or Autism assessments.

If applicable:

a) Please provide the names of these private healthcare providers.

Answer: Not Applicable.

b) Please specify the cost per ADHD assessment and cost per Autism assessment.

Answer: Not Applicable.

c) Provide details regarding the scope and duration of any contractual agreements with these providers, including the turnaround timeframe for completion of outsourced ADHD and Autism assessments.

Answer: Not Applicable.

d) What is the Trust annual budget to outsource ADHD and Autism assessments and what is the current annual spend?

Answer: Not Applicable.

e) How many ADHD and Autism assessments are outsourced each month and is their scope to increase this number? If so, by how many?

Answer: Not Applicable.

f) Do your current provider/s have or offer the capacity to address the backlog within the Trusts required timeframes?

Answer: Not Applicable.

g) Please provide the name and contact information of the individual/team for the Trust who would manage the ADHD/Autism assessments (for Adults & Children).

Answer: Not Applicable.



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Other Mental Health Assessments:

Question 7: Does your Trust use private healthcare providers to assist in delivering any other types of mental health assessments outside of ADHD and Autism assessments?

Answer: No. The Trust does not use private providers for other types of mental health assessments outside of ADHD and Autism assessments.

Question 8: If so, please specify what types of assessments these are, the names of the private healthcare providers involved, and the costs associated with these services. Include details about the scope and duration of any contractual agreements for these services.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 9: Include details about the scope and duration of any contractual agreements for these services.

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 10: If your Trust is not currently using private healthcare providers to help reduce or clear this assessment backlog, would you consider doing so now or in the future?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 10 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 does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.



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