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Dear Mr Shelford,

I am responding to your request for information received 17 April 2023. 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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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Request: Please may I request the answers to the following questions. With regards to your organisation: East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT)

Questions Focused On Adult ADHD Services

Question 1: For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-2021 please can you tell us:

Question 1a. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year 2022-23	Financial year 2021-22
1140	841

Question 1ai. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1ai of your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 states:

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In order for the Trust to provide this information it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records in order to respond to a Freedom of Information Request. Therefore, we are unable to provide a response.

Question 1b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial year 2022-23	Financial year 2021-22
21 Weeks	26 Weeks

Question 1bi. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1bi of your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 1c. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?

Answer: No patients discharged from the listed teams in the relevant years had the stated discharge reasons.

Question 1ci. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1ci of your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 1d. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question(s) 1(d) of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Section 1(1) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 states:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response. However, the Trust can advise that as of 30/05/2023 there were 3717 patients waiting for a first appointment.

Question 1di. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1di of your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Questions Focused On Child ADHD Services

Question 2: For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:

Question 2a: For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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(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.

Question 2ai: If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

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

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Question 2b: For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

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

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Question 2bi: If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

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

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Question 2c: For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?

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

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Question 2ci: If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

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

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Question 2d: For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.

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

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Question 2di: If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

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

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GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

Question 3: With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:

Question 3a: With regards to your adult ADHD services.

Question 3ai: Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?

Answer: No.

Question 3aii: How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?

Answer: 2052.

Question 3aiii: What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?

Answer: The median wait time from a referral: 192 days.

Question 3iv: What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD assessment?

Answer: 1520 days.

Question 3v: What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question(s) 3(a)(v) and 3(a)(vi) of your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3vi: Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3avi of your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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With regards to your child ADHD services

Question 3bi: Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3bi of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not have a separate pathway for ADHD. All ADHD CYPs sit within the Emotional Wellbeing Pathway. Therefore, it is unable to provide a response

Question 3bii: How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3bii of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3biii: What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?

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Question 3biv: What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?

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Question 3bv: What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3bv of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3bvi: Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3bvi of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3c: Information on your financial year.

Question 3ci: What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.

Answer: 1 April 2021-31 March 2022

Question 3cii: What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.



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Answer: April 2022-31 March 2023

Please note, with regards to the above answers relating to the 2022-2023 financial year:

In Bedfordshire and Luton until recently some Adult ADHD assessments were carried out by the Community Mental Health teams and Primary Care Network Teams and were not identified as a separate caseload. These have recently been separated into specialist ADHD assessment teams. This may have a skewing effect on the data for the 2022-23 year.



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