

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

21-22200

Date sent

28/02/22

Subject

GIDS Wait times

Details of enquiry

I am writing to request information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000). My enquiries relate to the Gender Identity Development Service.

1. Average (mean) time in weeks from referral to first treatment or assessment appointment for patients whose first such appointment happened last quarter (between July 1st to September 30th 2021 inclusive)
2. For patients who have been given their first appointment in the last quarter (between July 1st to September 30th 2021 inclusive), what month or months these patients were originally referred in
3. Average (mean) time in weeks wait for a follow-up appointment since previous appointment, for patients who had a follow-up appointment in the last quarter (between July 1st to September 30th 2021 inclusive)

4. For the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, please provide the number of:

referrals received

- a. referrals accepted
- b. first appointments carried out
- c. follow-up appointments carried out
- d. discharges from the service

5. Please provide the number of patients who, as of September 30th 2021, are:

- a. currently on the wait list for the service
- b. currently an active patient at the service

6. Copies of any documents (e.g. shared care agreements, prescribing guidance, training materials) that the clinic provides (either as a matter of course, or when appropriate) to patients' GPs.

Response sent

Thank you for your request for information. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act. Please see below our response.

1. Average (mean) time in weeks from referral to first treatment or assessment appointment for patients whose first such appointment happened last quarter (between July 1st to September 30th 2021 inclusive)

107 weeks

2. For patients who have been given their first appointment in the last quarter (between July 1st to September 30th 2021 inclusive), what month or months these patients were originally referred in?

Every month between May 2018 until July 2021.

3. Average (mean) time in weeks wait for a follow-up appointment since previous appointment, for patients who had a follow-up appointment in the last quarter (between July 1st to September 30th 2021 inclusive)

During assessment phase, patients in this period were seen on average every 4.5 weeks. Follow-up appointments in the treatment phase were on average every 12 weeks.

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	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
referrals accepted	115	99	130	192	175	217	267	269	212	163	254	304
first appointments carried out	94	95	143	121	89	120	103	104	86	97	115	77
follow-up appointments carried out	1273	1131	1306	1272	1143	1183	1252	1267	1106	1242	1113	1132
discharges from the service	170	98	135	136	145	163	179	124	180	160	197	135

5. Please provide the number of patients who, as of September 30th 2021, are:

a. currently on the wait list for the service

5509

b. currently an active patient at the service

2115

6. Copies of any documents (e.g. shared care agreements, prescribing guidance, training materials) that the clinic provides (either as a matter of course, or when appropriate) to patients' GPs.

The Trust does not supply this information to GPs. We can confirm that the information you have requested is provided to GPs by the endocrinology clinics that the Trust refers patients to. These are the endocrinology clinics at University College London Hospital (UCLH) and the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, who should be able to provide copies of the information that they currently provide to GPs in this respect. Their contact details for FOI requests are foi@uclh.nhs.uk and Leedsth-tr.informationgovernance@nhs.net respectively.