

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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22-23088

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Subject

Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) Referrals & Service Users' Titles

Details of enquiry

My enquiries relate to the adult Gender Identity Clinic. Please provide:

1. the average (mean) time in weeks between treatment or assessment appointments for patients who received a follow-up appointment last quarter (between 1st April to 30th June 2022 inclusive).
2. the number of referrals currently on the priority queue for ex-Armed Forces personnel at your service
3. any information you hold about about the eligibility (or otherwise) of people with "intersex"/"DSD"/"VSD" conditions (diagnosed or undiagnosed) for referral to your service, diagnosis with gender incongruence, hormone therapy, or surgical referra
4. the number of past and current referred patients using the following titles: Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss, Mx, Dr, other, and no title at all.

Response sent

1. the average (mean) time in weeks between treatment or assessment appointments for patients who received a follow-up appointment last quarter (between 1st April to 30th June 2022 inclusive).
The average (mean) time in weeks between appointments for patients of the adult GIC who received a follow-up appointment last quarter (between 1st April to 30th June 2022 inclusive) was 18 months.
2. the number of referrals currently on the priority queue for ex-Armed Forces personnel at your service
The Trust does not have a priority queue for ex-Armed Forces patients
3. any information you hold about about the eligibility (or otherwise) of people with "intersex"/"DSD"/"VSD" conditions (diagnosed or undiagnosed) for referral to your service, diagnosis with gender incongruence, hormone therapy, or surgical referral
People with "intersex"/"DSD"/"VSD" conditions (diagnosed or undiagnosed) are eligible to be seen by our service. As with all other service users, we would work with those with "intersex"/"DSD"/"VSD" conditions on an individual case-by-case basis, regarding their eligibility for any of the services that we provide.
4. the number of past and current referred patients using the following titles: Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss, Mx, Dr, other, and no title at all.

We do not hold comprehensive and up to date information on this, as patients tend to vary their titles over time, and there is no requirement for them to formally notify us of this. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) only applies to recorded information that exists within the public authority at the time of the request.

FOIA does not require an authority to answer questions where this would involve the creation of new information, and this question can only be answered by writing out to tens of thousands of patients, both current and past, to obtain new data on their current preferred nomenclature, which, as explained above is beyond the scope and provision of resources of the FOIA.