

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

GIDS Referral Data and Service User's Titles

Details of enquiry

Please provide:

1. The average (mean) time in weeks between appointments for patients who received a follow-up appointment last quarter (between 1st April to 30th June 2022 inclusive)
2. The average (mean) number of appointments that had been held at GIDS for patients who were subsequently referred to the UCLH pediatric endocrine liaison clinic
3. 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

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The average (mean) time in weeks between appointments for patients who received a follow-up appointment last quarter (between 1st April to 30th June 2022 inclusive) was 6.84 weeks.
2. The average (mean) number of appointments that had been held at GIDS for patients who were subsequently referred to the UCLH paediatric endocrine liaison clinic
Data from a research project about pathways through our service, which includes the average number of appointments before referral to endocrinology, can be found on our public website: <https://gids.nhs.uk/research/pathways-through-our-service/>
3. 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.