

# Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

## Reference

23-24028

## Date response sent

12/05/23

## Subject

GIDS Referrals from Schools

## Details of enquiry

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If possible, please can you also provide the following:
  - i) The ages of the children referred to the GIDS service each year, broken down into age intervals of 1 year.
  - ii) The number of children referred to GIDS that attended private, fee-paying schools, and if possible, broken down by the ages of the children
  - iii) The number of children referred to GIDS that attended state schools, again, broken down by age
2. If the information is available, please disclose how many of the children, broken down into age groups, progressed onto blockers and then cross-sex hormones.
3. If possible, please can you disclose which local authorities the schools are located in - and how many from each authority.
4. If possible, please disclose the positions of the adults that made the referrals, eg. how many were classroom teachers/ SENCOs/ Heads etc.

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Please note that the service has not yet closed. The data below reflects the following points.

- Since August 2021, referrals from groups other than CAMHS/pediatric services (for example referrals from Schools, GPs) have been sent directly to a Referral Hub, run by Arden and Gem CSU (AGEM).
- Since October 2022, all referrals received after 10 October 2022 have been forwarded, unprocessed, to the AGEM Referral Hub.

- NHSE/I are the data controllers for the AGEM Referral Hub. Should you wish to contact them directly to learn more about the referrals that they hold, the relevant email address is [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)
- We do not hold data on whether GIDS patients attended state or private fee paying schools.

<b>GIDS Referrals from LEAs, Local Authority Education Services</b>	
<b>Age at referral</b>	<b>No. of referrals received</b>
<b>5</b>	7
<b>6</b>	6
<b>7</b>	6
<b>8</b>	9
<b>9</b>	6
<b>10</b>	8
<b>11</b>	4
<b>12</b>	11
<b>13</b>	13
<b>14</b>	37
<b>15</b>	26
<b>16</b>	19
<b>17</b>	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>160</b>

2. If the information is available, please disclose how many of the children, broken down into age groups, progressed onto blockers and then cross-sex hormones.

Whilst we confirm that the Trust holds some information falling within this scope, our computerised patient records system hold this data in the freetext sections of patient files, from which we cannot run automated search and collate functions, and so we cannot run a report electronically.

We have estimated that it would require resources beyond those provisioned under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), to manually trawl through all 160 files to identify, extract and collate such data into a report.

Spending a notional 20 minutes per patient file to manually search and extract this data would take circa 53 hours of officer time. Section 12 of the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) allows a public authority to refuse questions where it estimates that the work required would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for the NHS is currently set at £450 which equates to 18 hours of staff work, calculated at a generic rate of £25 per hour. Accordingly, the Trust is not obliged to respond to this question and so we will not be processing it further.

Should you wish to narrow the scope of this question, eg for the last two financial years, 2021/2022 and 2022/23 then the Trust would treat any reformulated request we receive as a fresh FOI request and we may be able to help you further.

3. If possible, please can you disclose which local authorities the schools are located in - and how many from each authority.

We do not hold this data by school, nor by local authority, however we can identify GIDS referrals by county, which may be of assistance to you, as nearly all of our referrals are for school age children, from a whole variety of sources. This data is publicly available within our FOI disclosure log and may be accessed via the following link: [22-23401 GIDS referrals by County 2011-22](#)

4. If possible, please disclose the positions of the adults that made the referrals, eg. how many were classroom teachers/ SENCOs/ Heads etc.

The following data was extracted from non-mandatory free text fields, which are sometimes left blank, or do not always contain the occupation of the referrer.

All available referrer occupation data for this cohort has been extracted and collated into the following list. It is not comprehensive, as explained above.

- Assistant Head – Inclusion
- College Counsellor
- Deputy Head and SENCO
- Educational psychologist
- Headteacher
- Inclusion Support
- School Counsellor
- School Nurse
- SENCO
- Student Support Manager – year 10