

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

16-17285

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### Subject

GIDS (Gender Identity Development Service) Waiting Times and Discharge Data

### Details of enquiry

Please could you answer the following questions with regards to the following CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) areas (Wirral, Liverpool, Knowsley, St Helens, Halton, South Sefton, Southport, Formby.

1. The number of patients referred to your service 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016.
2. The number of first appointments offered 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016.
3. The average waiting time for patients having their first appointment 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31 December 2016.
4. Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks from referral to first appointment as of 31 December 2016.
5. Number of patients waiting over 52 weeks from referral to first appointment as of 31 December 2016.
6. Total number of patients on the waiting list as of 31 December 2016.
7. Current patient population at 31 December 2016.
8. Number of patients discharged 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016
9. Outline your assessment process from first appointment through to surgery referral.
10. Average waiting time between appointments
11. Outline your discharge process and continuation of care for the patient.

### Response Sent

1. The number of patients referred to your service 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
[The number of patients referred in 2016 in total was 1866.](#)
2. The number of first appointments offered 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
[The number of first appointments offered in 2016 in total was 1071.](#)

3. The average wait time for patients having their first appointment 1<sup>st</sup> October-31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
The average wait time for patients who had their first appointment between 1st October and 31st December 2016 was 35 weeks.
4. Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks from referral to first appointment as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
The number of patients who waited more the 18 weeks from referral to first appointment in 2016 in total was 795.
5. Number of patients waiting over 52 weeks from referral to first appointment as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
The number of patients who waited more than 52 weeks from referral to first appointment in 2016 in total was 3.
6. Total number of patients on the waiting list as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
It is not possible to review the waiting list at a historic point in time as we work to a rolling current waiting list. The waiting list at the time this report was compiled (26th January 2016) was 1572.
7. Number of patients discharged 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016?  
The number of patients discharged in 2016 in total was 415.
8. Outline your assessment process from first appointment through to surgery referral?  
Our service specifications as commissioned by NHS England can be found at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2016/09/gids-service-specification.pdf>  
These describe the GIDS assessment and treatment pathway. Referrals for surgery are not made by the child and adolescent service.
9. Average waiting time between appointments?  
We do not have data recorded or collated on the wait times between appointments. Follow up appointments are offered as required and on dates mutually convenient for clinicians and families. The average number of appointments a patient receives in one year is approximately 4-5, and therefore one can estimate that the average time between appointments as between 2.5 and 3 months. This is likely to be shorter in the assessment phase as appropriate.
10. Outline your discharge process and continuation of care for the patient?  
This is outlined in our service specification which can be found at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2016/09/gids-service-specification.pdf>