

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

GIDS Referrals and Waiting Times 2012/13 to 2016/17

Details of enquiry

1. How many referrals were there to the The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust Gender Identity Development Service (GIDS) for children and young people in the financial years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17?
2. What is the average (mean) length of time between referral and first appointment?
3. What is the longest length of time a patient had to wait between referral and first appointment?
4. How many patients are on the waiting list for an appointment?
5. How many patients waited over 18 weeks for an appointment in 2012/13 and 2016/17?
6. How many patients waited over 52 weeks for an appointment in 2012/13 and 2016/17?
7. What is the cause of the long waits? What percentage is due to demand on services? What percentage is due to lack of/deferred funding?

Response Sent

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	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Total	314	468	697	1419	2016

2. What is the average (mean) length of time between referral and first appointment?
For referrals received in 2016/2017, of those seen (1166), the average (mean) wait was 33 weeks.
3. What is the longest length of time a patient had to wait between referral and first appointment?
The longest wait of those seen from referral received in 2016/2017 was 71 weeks.
4. How many patients are on the waiting list for an appointment?
As of 30th November 2017, there are 1760 patients awaiting a first appointment with the GIDS.
5. How many patients waited over 18 weeks for an appointment in 2012/13 and 2016/17?
2012/13: 0 (zero)
2016/17: 1120

6. How many patients waited over 52 weeks for an appointment in 2012/13 and 2016/17?

2012/13: 0 (zero)

2016/17: 32

7. What is the cause of the long waits? What percentage is due to demand on services? What percentage is due to lack of/deferred funding?

We do not have data on percentages as relate to reasons for our long waits. Explanations of why our waiting times have grown can be found here:

<http://gids.nhs.uk/about-us#how-long-is-the-wait-for-a-first-appointment>

<https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/about-us/news/stories/meeting-demand-our-gender-identity-development-service/>