

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

Gender Identity Referrals and Waiting Times 2017-18

(GIC: Gender Identity Clinic)

(GIDS: Gender Identity Development Service)

Details of enquiry

I am writing to request the following information about gender identity services at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust.

1. How many people were seen at the clinic in 2017/18 (or the last available year)?
2. How many people were seen at the clinic for each of the preceding 5 years (please include data for each year)?
3. How many people were referred for gender reassignment surgery by the clinic in 2017/18 (or the last available year)?
4. How many people are currently waiting for their first appointment at the clinic?
5. How long is the average wait for a first appointment at the clinic?
6. What is the average cost (to the NHS) per patient for their treatment?
7. What is the average age of patients at the time of their referral?

Response Sent

1. How many people were seen at the clinic in 2017/18 (or the last available year)?
[GIDS Service: 2686 patients were seen for at least one appointment in the financial year 2017/18](#)
[GIC Service: 3980 patients were seen for at least one appointment in the financial year 2017/18](#)
2. How many people were seen at the clinic for each of the preceding 5 years (please include data for each year)?

Financial Year	GIDS patients seen for at least 1 appt	GIC Patients
2017/18	2686	As previously advised in my email of 9 May 2018, this information is not held by this Trust, as the Charing Cross GIC (Gender Identity Clinic – Adults Service) has only been hosted by us since April 2017. The part of your request relating to data prior to this transfer date should be sent to the service's previous host - West London Mental Health Trust (WLMHT). Their Freedom of Information Team can be reached via foi@wlmht.nhs.uk .
2016/17	2293	
2015/16	1448	
2014/15	1026	
2013/14	689	
2012/13	472	

3. How many people were referred for gender reassignment surgery by the clinic in 2017/18 (or the last available year)?
 GIDS does not make referrals for surgery. This is done in adult gender services only.
 GIC: 705 patients have been referred for surgery from 1 April 2017-31 March 2018. This includes all top and bottom surgical referrals.
4. How many people are currently waiting for their first appointment at the clinic?
 GIDS: 2183 patients are awaiting a first appointment
 GIC: 3475 patients are awaiting a first appointment
5. How long is the average wait for a first appointment at the clinic?
 GIDS: approximately 14 months
 GIC: approximately 18 months
6. What is the average cost (to the NHS) per patient for their treatment?
 Across the gender services, there are multiple pathways that a patient may go through.
 Every patient journey is tailored to their needs. Some patients are only on a pathway for a couple of years, others for many years. Given the above variations, it is not possible to give an average price per patient.
7. What is the average age of patients at the time of their referral?
 GIDS: In the financial year 2017/18, the average (mean) age at referral was 15 years