

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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### Subject

GIDS and GIC Referrals 2014/15 to 2018/19

### Details of enquiry

1. How many referrals have there been to the Young People's GIDS and the Adults GIC over the last five years? Please break this down by year (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19). Please also state the age and original gender of the person who is being referred.
2. How many people are currently on the waiting list for treatment? Please state the date you're going by for this
3. What has been the longest and shortest wait for treatment in the last five years? Please break this down by year (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19). Please also state the average wait per year.
4. How many people have received gender reassignment surgery over the last five years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please break this down by year.
5. How many people have received gender reassignment reversal surgery over the last five years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please break this down by year.  
By gender reassignment reversal surgery, I am referring to someone who has reassignment surgery and then wants to have it reversed to go back to their birth gender.

### Response Sent

We have provided two separate responses below, one for each of our Gender Clinics

#### **A. GIDS – Gender Identity Service for Young People**

1. How many referrals have there been to GIDS over the last five years? Please break this down by year (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19). Please also state the age and original gender of the person who is being referred.  
Our referral numbers (including year, age and sex assigned at birth) can be found here:  
<http://gids.nhs.uk/number-referrals>
2. How many people are currently on the waiting list for treatment? Please state the date you're going by for this.  
As at 23 September 2019, 3,938 referrals to GIDS are currently waiting for a first appointment.
3. What has been the longest and shortest wait for treatment in the last five years? Please break this down by year (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19). Please also state the average wait per year.  
We cannot answer this within the bounds of the 18 hours resources provisioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).. Events on the referral pathway like 'Did

Not Attends' or referrals made in error cause anomalies in our records that prevent us from collating this electronically. To work out which RTT times are legitimate would require manually checking a large number of individual case notes. For more information about our waiting time, please see the quality accounts within our annual report cover waiting times in our services:

[https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/documents/1647/Tavistock\\_and\\_Portman\\_annual\\_report\\_2018-19.pdf](https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/documents/1647/Tavistock_and_Portman_annual_report_2018-19.pdf)

4. How many people have received gender reassignment surgery over the last five years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please break this down by year.  
None. We do not perform or authorise surgery within GIDS, it is not part of our pathway
5. How many people have received gender reassignment reversal surgery over the last five years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please break this down by year.  
By gender reassignment reversal surgery, I am referring to someone who has reassignment surgery and then wants to have it reversed to go back to their birth gender.  
As above, please see our response to Q4

## **B GIC – Charing Cross Gender Identity Clinic for Adults**

Some of the information you have requested about the Charing Cross GIC is not held by the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, as it has hosted the Charing Cross GIC since April 2017 only, and part of your request requests data prior to this date. Please be advised that FOI enquiries relating to Charing Cross GIC prior to April 2017 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](mailto:foi@wlmht.nhs.uk)

1. How many referrals have there been to the GIC over the last five years? Please break this down by year (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19). Please also state the age and original gender of the person who is being referred.
  - a) 2017/18 3019 referrals
  - b) 2018/19 3611 referrals
2. How many people are currently on the waiting list for treatment? Please state the date you're going by for this.  
As of 23 September 2019, 6,049 referrals to the GIC are currently waiting for a first appointment.
3. What has been the longest and shortest wait for treatment in the last five years? Please break this down by year (2017-18, 2018-19). Please also state the average wait per year.  
We cannot answer this within the 18 hours resources provisioned under the FOI Act 2000. Events on the referral pathway like 'Did Not Attends' or referrals made in error cause anomalies in our records that prevent us from collating this electronically. To work out which RTT times are legitimate would require manually checking a large number of individual case notes. For more information about our waiting time, the quality accounts within our annual report cover waiting times in our services:  
[https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/documents/1647/Tavistock\\_and\\_Portman\\_annual\\_report\\_2018-19.pdf](https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/documents/1647/Tavistock_and_Portman_annual_report_2018-19.pdf)
4. How many people have received gender reassignment surgery over the last five years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please break this down by year.  
At the Charing Cross Gender Identity Clinic we do not perform gender reassignment surgery; as we do not provide surgical services. We refer patients, as appropriate, to consultants at those hospitals where gender reassignment surgery is provided.  
We do not currently have systems in place to accurately record the number of patients whom we refer for surgery. This data would be recorded within the clinical notes section of

patient files, and to manually inspect thousands of patient files to extract, collate and present such data would require more resource than that provisioned under the FOI Act 2000.

We therefore advise that do not hold exact and reliable numbers on our referrals of adults for gender reassignment surgery.

5. How many people have received gender reassignment reversal surgery over the last five years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please break this down by year.  
By gender reassignment reversal surgery, I am referring to someone who has reassignment surgery and then wants to have it reversed to go back to their birth gender.  
Please see our response to question 4. above.