

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

19-20329

Date sent

12/03/2020

Subject

GIDS Waiting List, Discharges, Hormones Administration

Details of enquiry

Please could you make available the following information for (as far back as possible to) 2009-10 to the current year (2018-19)

1. Number of patients currently on the waiting list.
2. Number of patients currently receiving psychological therapy only (no medication prescribed)
3. Number of patients currently prescribed puberty blocker medication
4. Number of patients currently prescribed cross sex hormones
5. Number of patients discharged from the service
6. Could you also indicate the current expected waiting time to first appointment for someone added to the waiting list?

Response Sent

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As of 31st December 2019 there were 4220 patients on the GIDS waiting list.
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 - The data is held within individual patient files.
 - We cannot automate its collation, as the patient records system we use does not have a dedicated field for this data.
 - We estimate that it will take 20 minutes per patient file to identify and extract the data for collation into a report.
 - To search the thousands of patient files necessary to supply an answer would therefore take at least 500 hours of staff time.
 - Section 12 of the freedom of information act allows a public authority to refuse to deal with a request where it estimates that it would exceed the appropriate limit to comply

with the request. The appropriate limit in the NHS is currently £450 or 18 hours of staff work at the standard rate of £25 per hour.

If you wish to narrow the scope of your request, then we will treat any new question as a fresh FOI request, and we may be able to help you.

3. Number of patients currently prescribed puberty blocker medication

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5. Number of patients discharged from the service

Patients discharged from the GIDS service by financial year can be found below.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Discharge numbers	22	76	88	170	373	329	612	1043	1424

6. Could you also indicate the current expected waiting time to first appointment for someone added to the waiting list?

Expected Waiting Times are difficult for us to accurately estimate, however we provide guidance on our website: <https://gids.nhs.uk/about-us>