

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

21-22165

Date sent

18/02/22

Subject

GIDS Endo referrals

Details of enquiry

1. Please confirm the number of children who have been referred to the Endocrinology departments of Leeds and UCHL for assessment for puberty blocker treatment since 1.12.20 on a month by month basis;
2. Please confirm the ages of the children so referred at paragraph 1 above;
3. Please confirm the date of inception of the NHS England Multi Professional Review Group and the number of children and ages of the children who have been seen by the NHS England Multi Professional Review Group on a month by month basis since inception of the Group in 2021;
4. Please confirm how many children seen by the NHS England Multi Professional Review Group have:-
 - a) Been referred on for treatment/assessment for puberty blockers to either of the endocrinologist hospitals or elsewhere;
 - b) Been refused a referral on for treatment/assessment for puberty blockers;
 - c) Seen an endocrinologist and commenced assessment for puberty blockers;
 - d) Received a prescription for puberty blockers;

Response sent

Please find below our response.

Your request for information (as set out below) made on 21 September 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) has been passed to the Trust's FOI Team. We are very sorry for the long delay in our response.

1. Please confirm the number of children who have been referred to the Endocrinology departments of Leeds and UCLH for assessment for puberty blocker treatment since 1.12.20 on a month by month basis.

Table 1. Number of referrals to endocrinology for assessment for puberty blockers 01/12/2020 - 27/01/2022

Year	2020	2021							2022
Month	Dec	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
(n) of referrals	0	7	3	2	2	1	6	5	6
Total (n) of referrals	0	26							6

Note: total number of referrals between 01/12/2020 and 27/01/2022 ($n = 32$).

Table 1 presents the number of referrals to endocrinology for puberty blockers by year and month (01/12/2020 - 27/01/2022). Data reveals no referrals to endocrinology for puberty blockers in the year 2020 from 01/12/2020. Data shows referrals to endocrinology for puberty blockers in 2021 ($n = 26$) and 2022 to date ($n = 6$). Data reveals no referrals between the months of December 2020 to May 2021 for puberty blockers. Data shows referrals for puberty blockers in June 2021 ($n = 7$), July 2021 ($n = 3$), August 2021 ($n = 2$), September 2021 ($n = 2$), October 2021 ($n = 1$), November 2021 ($n = 6$), December 2021 ($n = 5$) and January 2022 ($n = 6$).

2. Please confirm the ages of the children so referred at paragraph 1 above

Patients were aged between 12 and 17 at referral to endocrinology.

3. Please confirm the date of inception of the NHS England Multi Professional Review Group and the number of children and ages of the children who have been seen by the NHS England Multi Professional Review Group on a month by month basis since inception of the Group in 2021;

- **The date of the first meeting where submissions were considered was 1 September 2021**
- **Eight patients had been seen by the Multi Professional Review Group (MPRG) by end September 2021, five aged 13 and three aged 14-15. We cannot provide a more detailed breakdown due to low numbers and the potential risks of identification. The exemption under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, *Personal information* has been engaged in this respect as disclosure could lead to a breach of the UKGDPR/DPA 2018.**

4. Please confirm how many children seen by the NHS England Multi Professional Review Group have:

- Been referred on for treatment/assessment for puberty blockers to either of the endocrinologist hospitals or elsewhere **Seven (as at end September 2021)**
- Been refused a referral on for treatment/assessment for puberty blockers **None**
- Seen an endocrinologist and commenced assessment for puberty blockers **We do not hold this data.**
- Received a prescription for puberty blockers **We do not hold this data.**

Please note that the Trust does not prescribe or hold prescribing data for hormone blockers. The MPRG is run by NHS England who may hold the outstanding data. You can make an FOI request to NHSE at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>