

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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21-22261

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Subject

GIDS Patients without Capacity to Consent to Puberty Blockers

Details of enquiry

1. For each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, how many people born as male and how many born as female were referred to GIDS?
2. Of these people, for each year, how many were deemed unable to make an informed decision to proceed with treatment under GIDS, and how many were deemed unsuitable to proceed with treatment under GIDS?
3. For the years I mention, you must know how many people born as male or female were referred to GIDS. Of these, you must know how many were referred on to your endocrine clinic. Therefore, you can surely work out how many were not referred for various reasons. In other words, for the years I mention, what proportion of people referred to GIDS were not referred on to the endocrine clinic?

Response sent

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	Financial years			
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
AFAB*	1806	1994	1908	1512
AMAB**	713	731	727	704

These numbers were generated as part of previous FOI requests or are taken from our website: <https://gids.nhs.uk/number-referrals>

Key:

* Assigned Female at Birth

** Assigned Male at birth

2. Of these people, for each year, how many were deemed unable to make an informed decision to proceed with treatment under GIDS, and how many were deemed unsuitable to proceed with treatment under GIDS?

We do not hold data from which we can determine what proportion of the referrals above were considered “unable/unsuitable to proceed with treatment”. This is for a number of reasons:

- a) Due to the length of our waiting list, some of the young people in the table above are still waiting to be seen.
 - b) Young people can be referred at any age, and physical interventions are only considered for those at Tanner stage 2 of puberty and beyond.
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There are a number of reasons why young people may not be referred to the endocrine clinic, and where no referral happens this non-event would not be recorded