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Gender Identity Clinic Statistics

1 What is the current number of patients on your NHS waiting list awaiting access to GIC treatment?

Adult Gender Service is 522

Knowing Our Identity Service (KOI – children & young people up to age 18) is 26

2 How long is said waiting list? (as in number of years to access treatment - wait time from referral by GP to first appointment at GIC would be an acceptable metric

The longest wait for the Adult Gender Service is 4 years and 9 months

The KOI Service do not accept direct referrals from GP. All referrals to KOI are from community CAMHS teams who are the case holders. The longest wait for KOI is 12 weeks.

3 What is the annual number of referrals you receive? (whatever is the most recent year - if 2020 is unavailable then 2019 or before. If year on year data is available I would very much appreciate this too

Adult Gender Service	KOI Service
2019 – 157 2018 – 229 2017 – 299	2021/21 - 59 2019/20 – 61 2018/19 – 62

4 What number or percent of your patients start on "puberty blocker" medication and of those what percent continue to hormones?

KOI Service, 72% commenced hormone blocker (1st phase of treatment).
KOI Service, 66% proceeded to cross sex hormone (2nd phase of treatment)

5 How much time does a referred patient spend under your care? (for example the average number of weeks they attend services up until they are discharged back to community services)

Adult Gender Service: Unfortunately we are unable to provide you with an average length of time spent in care as every individual will be on a unique treatment pathway.

KOI Service: on average it is 24 weeks from allocation to discharge