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Brackenburn Service User Stats

I am requesting the below information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am seeking information/statistics about the number of service users of the Brackenburn Clinic over the past five years.

Can you confirm how many people have been referred to the service and/or availed of transgender services at the clinic during the following years;

2017	185
2018	138
2019	121
2020	110
2021	143
2022	58

Can you please provide stats for the number of Brackenburn clinic users who have been prescribed medication for gender issues during the same years (2017 – 2022).

Almost all new patients referred to the transgender clinic are prescribed “puberty blockers and cross sex hormones” (almost all are prescribed both).

An assumption can be made that all the current review caseload receive ongoing therapy.

Can you also confirm if any – and how many – service users underwent surgery of any kind during the same period. (2017 – 2022).

The Trust can provide data below on how many patients have been referred for surgery, however it would require a manual trawl to confirm how many have completed surgery. We estimate that compliance with this aspect of your request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

2017	<5
2018	14
2019	36

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2020	<5
2021	17
2022	9

Surgery is handled out of NI so endocrinology does not have this data. Many patients access surgery privately at various sites around the world