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## Subject: Gender Identity Clinic

### Request and Response

1. Please breakdown by month and year (providing data in form of Excel spreadsheet)

a) The number of GIC referrals received since 2017:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan	13	9	13	11	13	8
Feb	25	6	9	13	11	17
March	10	7	11	11	10	16
April	15	12	11	6	14	17
May	14	19	6	<5	8	19
June	13	11	10	9	20	22
July	13	12	13	7	15	
August	18	17	11	<5	11	
Sept	17	8	13	14	8	
Oct	16	14	9	9	10	
Nov	16	12	10	9	9	
Dec	15	11	<5	13	14	

b) The number of people on waiting lists after referral for a first appointment at their GIC.

The Trust only hold this data from 2018

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan	49	194	313	425	564
Feb	55	203	326	436	581
March	65	215	337	446	597
April	77	225	343	460	614
May	96	231	346	468	633
June	107	241	355	488	650
July	118	254	362	503	
August	135	265	367	515	
Sept	144	278	381	523	
Oct	158	287	390	533	
Nov	170	297	399	542	
Dec	181	302	412	556	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>556</b>	

c) The number of patients who are referred through to surgical providers outside of NI for gender reassignment surgery.

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan	-	-	-	<5	<5	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	<5	<5
March	<5	-	-	-	<5	<5
April	-	<5	-	<5	7	<5
May	-	<5	10	-	-	<5
June	-	<5	12	-	-	-
July	-	-	9	-	-	
August	-	-	<5	-	-	
Sept	-	<5	-	-	-	
Oct	-	<5	-	-	-	
Nov	-	<5	<5	-	<5	
Dec	-	<5	<5	-	-	

**d) The number of patients who have received gender reassignment surgery through surgical providers outside of NI after being initially referred by the GIC.**

To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual count which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 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.

**2. The average wait time for an individual’s first appointment after a referral to a GIC.**

The Trust do not hold retrospective waiting times.

**3. The longest recorded waiting time for an individual patient at a GIC.**

5 years 4 months

**Note:** Where we have used <5, we are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

This is exempt from release under section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.