

19 January 2026

Brackenburn Gender Identity Clinic

I am requesting information regarding the Brackenburn Gender Identity Clinic, for both the adult and children's service (KOI) separately. My questions are as follows, for each service;

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Responses:

- 1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for an initial appointment?**

10 awaiting assessment / 33 awaiting consultation – 43 in total

- 2. How many people have been seen at this clinic for initial appointments during 2025?**

Nil

- 3. How many people were referred during 2025?**

28

- 4. What was the average (mean) waiting time for people who received an initial appointment during 2025?**

Belfast Trust is unable to answer this question as the service are unable to link activity and referral dates from their clinical information system to calculate this.

We estimate that the cost of compliance with this element of the request 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.

- 5. What was the maximum waiting time for any patient who received an initial appointment in 2025?**

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Adult Service Responses:

- 1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for an initial appointment?**

1,193

- 2. How many people have been seen at this clinic for initial appointments during 2025?**

There were 47 new initial appointments in 2025

- 3. How many people were referred during 2025?**

164 referrals

- 4. What was the average (mean) waiting time for people who received an initial appointment during 2025?**

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