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GUM Clinic Patient Demographics

Q1- Can you please provide a breakdown of the ethnicity/race/nationality and age of users of this clinic over the past 5 years?

There is not a facility to run a report for this information on Trust systems and would require staff going into each patient record manually to retrieve the information. The time required to do this would exceed 18 hours. 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.

Q2- How is this service funded in general? For example is x amount allocated to generic GUM services or is it allocated by service need eg HIV prevention/treatment?

The service is funded through two funding streams, which are allocated separately to GUM services and HIV services.

Q3- Do you have a policy around access or when patients could be privately paying (tourists etc)?

Access to GUM services are captured through a number of service pathways rather than a single standalone access policy document.

GUM operates as an open-access service and accepts both self-referrals and referrals from GP and secondary care. Referral pathways are also available through NINES, The Rowan Centre and maternity services via Antenatal Screening Coordinators. The service is available Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm, with specialist advice available to healthcare professionals from a consultant on-call outside normal working hours and at weekends. Inpatient admission is available on the Royal Hospitals site when there is a clinical need.

Under current regulations, charges applicable to non-ordinary residents of Northern Ireland do not apply to the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Therefore, patients accessing the GUM service for STI care are not required to pay for these services on the basis of residency status.