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GUM Clinic Patient Demographics

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

Please refer to 38154 – GUM Clinic Patient Demographics – Attachment 1.

2. **How is this service funded in general? For example is x amount allocated to generic GUM services or is it allocated by service need e.g. HIV prevention/treatment?**

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

3. **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.