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## Brackenburn Gender Identity Clinic Commissioning

### Questions:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request information concerning the commissioning and provision of care at the Brackenburn Gender Identity Clinic, which operates through the Health & Social Care Trust in Belfast. *Please* will you provide me with *annual* figures for the period inclusive of 2014 - 2024 (*or most recent year available, whether past or future*) detailing:

- a. The number of new patients the clinic is commissioned to see/treat;
- b. The number of established/ongoing patients the clinic is commissioned to see/treat;
- c. The number of new patients actually seen/treated at the clinic;
- d. The number of established/ongoing patients actually seen/treated at the clinic;
- e. Health & Social Care NI's planned spend for (or funding allocated to) the clinic; and
- f. The number of credentialed medical professionals (physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses & nurse practitioners) the clinic employs.
- g. If available, please indicate whether these roles are full-time, 0.5, 0.8, etc.

*Please note: if the clinic has been assigned its commission according to another interval (e.g., to treat 'X new patients per month' rather than 'X new patients per year'), please provide the above figures according to the interval most relevant to the language of the commission.*

Further regarding the provision of care at the clinic, will you kindly also provide me with *monthly* figures for the period inclusive of March 2024 through the most recent month available, detailing:

- a. The overall number of persons on the service's waiting list for first appointments;
- b. The number of new persons *added to* the service's waiting list;
- c. Total number of persons *seen for first appointments*;
- d. The median number of days between referral to the clinic and first appointment; and
- e. The average number of days between referral to the clinic and first appointment.

### Response:

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's response is attached as a separate Excel spreadsheet.

**Note Use of <5 (less than five):** Where <5 has been used, we are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.