

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/581
Welsh Gender Service

1. The total number of patients that the Welsh Gender Service has seen, broken down by sex (i.e. assigned at birth) and age group

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you figures below are the ages of patients attending first appointments with the WGS.

	2019/20	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Total
18-30	71	339	663	440	1513
31-40	13	64	97	77	251
41-50	17	44	50	23	134
51-64	14	41	51	28	134
65-74	1	10	5	4	20
75+	0	1	2	2	5

2. The percentage of patients that have been seen by the Welsh Gender Service who have psychiatric comorbidities

The UHB believes that Section 12 applies here, please see the exemption set out above.

3. The percentage of patients that have been seen by the Welsh Gender Service who have reported self-harm, or attempts at suicide in the past

The UHB believes that Section 12 applies here, please see the exemption set out above.

4. The number of patients who have received the following procedures:

- a. Labioplasty
- b. Metoidioplasty
- c. Orchidectomy
- d. Phalloplasty
- e. Intestinal vaginoplasty

- f. Vaginoplasty
- g. Vulvoplasty
- h. Top surgery

The UHB does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that surgery is not carried out in Wales. Please see below data that the UHB hold for surgical **referrals*** split into top surgery and GRS2 (bottom surgery).

Year	Top Surgery	GRS2
2020	1	31
2021	108	43
2022	172	125

***please note:** these numbers do not reflect how many patients have actually undergone a procedure.