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Requested:

How many 18+ have accessed gender identity services in Wales in the last 5 years.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information exactly as requested. However, it does hold a snapshot of Gender Diverse young people in Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (S-CAMHS) information, which was recorded as at June 2022.

There were seventy one (71) gender diverse Young People (YP) in the service at that time. Fifty three (53) of those young people had requested and received a referral to the Gender Identity Disorder Service (GIDS). Twenty Three (23) of the fifty three (53), which equates to 43%, of YP wanted a referral to GIDS only and did not want/need an intervention from S-CAMHS

During the most recent five (5) years, one (1) YP was referred in February 2019 and was offered a service by GIDS. However, the individual decided not to take up the offer and was discharged from GIDS.

The current wait time, as at March 2023, is a minimum of four (4) years); this is verified by the YP that were referred in April 2019, who still have not been offered a service by GIDS.

Additionally, during the requested period of five (5) years, two (2) YPs were considering accessing or had accessed the online Transgender Clinic, GenderGP.

The average age of a YP being referred to GIDS was 13.6 years; therefore, with a four (4) year waiting time, the average aged YP is unlikely to be offered an intervention from GIDS before they are 18 years of age (they may be offered an assessment in their 17th year, but GIDS may not want to begin an intervention so close to transition to the adult service).

45% of gender diverse YP in this snapshot either had a diagnosis of autism, were on the waiting list for assessment, or had traits of autism.

Care Partner records have noted that two (2) YP had been offered a service from GIDS and that their referrals were made in the 2017/2018 financial year.