

Freedom of Information Request

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Gender identity issues relating to Bailiwick children under the age of 18

Request:

We should be grateful to receive information on gender identity issues relating to Bailiwick children under the age of 18.

For each year of the period 2015 to 2021 (inclusive) please confirm the following:

1. The amount of money spent by the States of Guernsey spent with NHS Tavistock GIDS;
2. The breakdown of that spend by procedure (if no data is held showing breakdown by procedure, please provide any breakdown of the annual spend by any sub category if held);
3. The number of natal females and natal males referred to the NHS Tavistock GIDS;
4. The age range of those referred.

In addition, please confirm whether the Committee for Health and Social Care is reviewing (or intends to review) its policy on gender identity services in light of the the publication of that review and the subsequent direction to close the NHS Tavistock GIDS clinic.

Finally, will the Committee for Health and Social Care confirm that any review of its policy on gender identity services will take into account a broad range of evidence including, in particular:

- a) emerging evidence of the potentially harmful effects of GnRH antagonists (commonly referred to as puberty blockers);
- b) the apparent acceleration in rates of de-transition;

3. A total of 15 natal females and 8 natal males were referred to the NHS Tavistock GIDS.
4. Given the small numbers, we cannot provide specific details of age to maintain confidentiality. Presently HSC funds 33 gender patients aged 21 years and over and 25 patients aged 20 years and under to access services.

In response to the question regarding any review of the policy on gender identity services undertaken by the Committee for Health and Social Care:

- (a) any emerging evidence of the effects of GnRH antagonists (commonly referred to as puberty blockers) is the subject of ongoing National and International evaluation, and is not funded by HSC.
- (b) the acceleration in rates of de-transition is thought to be approximately 1% in adults, but up to 50% in children.
- (c) the levels of co-morbid mental-health issues and autism in gender-distressed children and young people is quoted differently depending upon sources but up to 1/3 GID patients are thought to be on the autistic spectrum.