

Updates from the Gender affirming (genital) surgery service

Monthly update on current referrals and the waiting list.

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December 2022 update

Current status

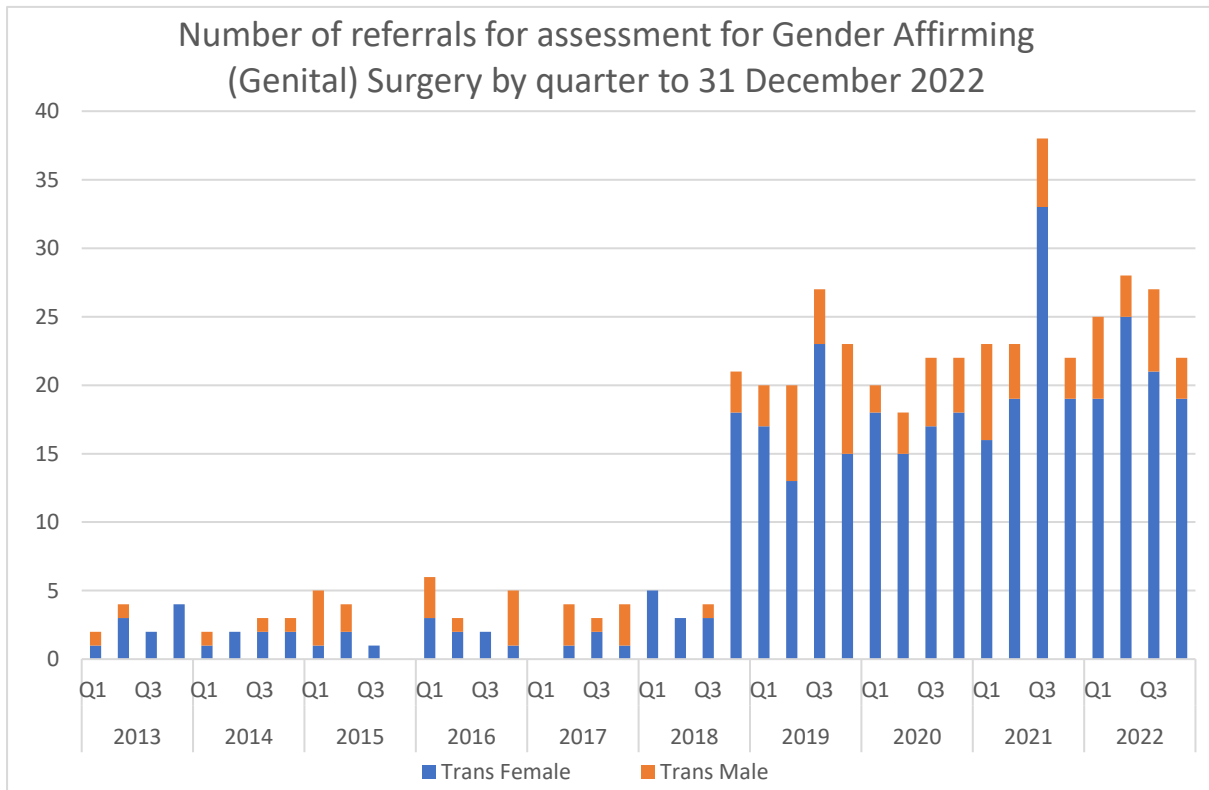
As at 31 December 2022, there were 389 referrals for a first specialist assessment on the Active list for the Service. 67 out of the 389 referrals have had their first specialist assessment. Following delays due to Covid-19, five surgeries were performed in 2020, ten surgeries performed in 2021 with nine surgeries completed in 2022. One surgery is scheduled for February 2023.

Wrap around health and wellbeing support for the Service

Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand is working closely with the service provider to improve service delivery, with increased provision of wrap around services. The wrap around services will include the establishment of several new roles to provide more intensive health and wellbeing support for patients on the waiting list for an FSA and/or preparing for surgery.

New referrals to the Service

The chart below sets out the number of new referrals received by quarter between January 2013 and 30 September 2022. Overall, 77 percent of the referrals are for feminising surgery and 23 percent are for masculinising surgery. The number of people referred to the waitlist increased by over 160 percent between October 2018 and 30 September 2020.



Prioritisation of referrals

We are currently giving priority for a first specialist assessment (FSA) to referrals of the longest wait patients,

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