

July 2022 update

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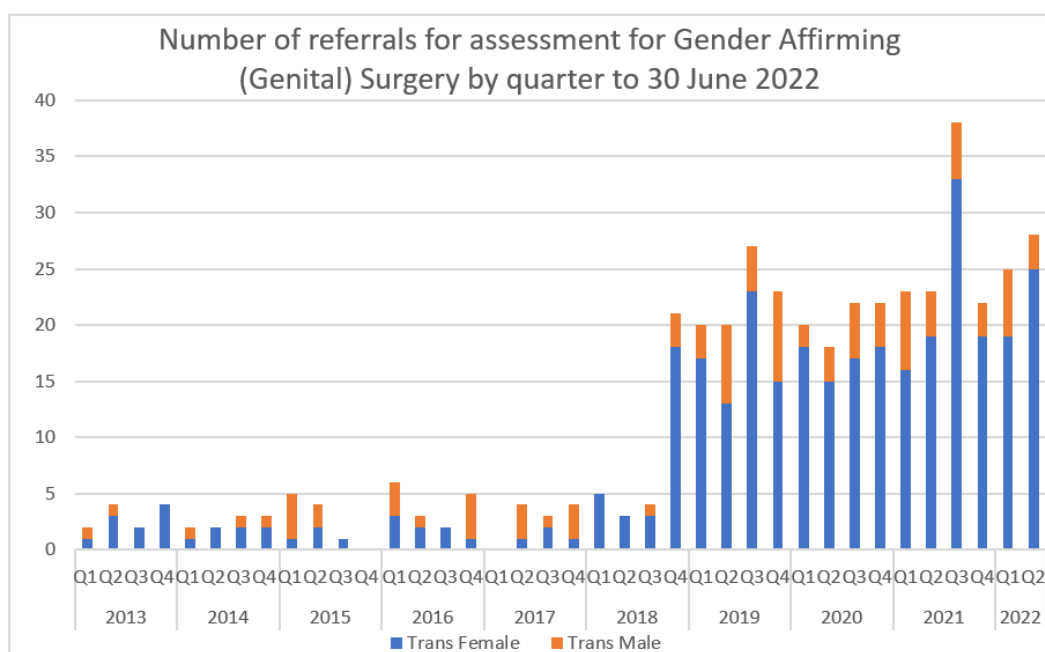
As at 31 July 2022, there were 362 referrals for a first specialist assessment on the Active list for the Service. 59 out of the 362 referrals have had their first specialist assessment. Following delays due to COVID-19, five surgeries were performed in 2020, ten surgeries performed in 2021 with three surgeries completed in 2022. One surgery is scheduled for August 2022.

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. Interviews for the gender surgery health navigator role that was advertised in July 2022 have now been completed and a successful candidate is to be confirmed.

New referrals to the Service

The chart below sets out the number of new referrals received by quarter between January 2013 and 30 June 2022. Overall, 76 percent of the referrals are for feminising surgery and 24 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.