

## Question on Notice

No. 45

Asked on 23 February 2021

**MR R KATTER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

### QUESTION

With reference to Queensland Children's Gender Service, which on its website is describes 'being trans or gender diverse ... as part of the natural spectrum of human diversity'—

Will the Minister outline the number of (a) patients the service has treated in the last five years by age and (b) children have been prescribed puberty-blocking drugs and/or irreversible cross-sex hormones?

### ANSWER

I am advised that the Queensland Children's Gender Service integrated with the Enterprise Scheduling Management system commenced in October 2017 at the Queensland Children's Hospital, meaning robust treatment data became available from that time. I am further advised that prescription data became available from April 2018.

- (a) Please note, data about 'patients the service has treated' is reported as:
- New referrals received, triaged and accepted per year; and
  - Total number of patients receiving care (across multiple years).

Year (calendar)	New referrals received, triaged and accepted per year
2017	182
2018	232
2019	241
2020	430

Year (calendar)	Total number of patients receiving care*
2018	496
2019	618
2020	644

\* This does not represent new patients per year. A patient will appear multiple years.

(b)

Year (calendar)	Number of pubertal blockade GnRH antagonists prescriptions initiated per year
From April 2018	179
2019	115
2020	87

<b>Year (calendar)</b>	<b>Number of gender affirming hormone prescriptions initiated per year</b>
From April 2018	47
2019	81
2020	63