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Thank you for your email of 12 August to George Freeman about waiting times for gender dysphoria services.

I note your concerns about gender dysphoria services.

As the commissioner for specialist services, NHS England has committed around £4.3million of additional investment in the provision of genital reconstruction surgery in 2015/16. The recruitment and deployment of individual clinical staff is a matter for each provider, but NHS England is funding each provider to work at full capacity levels for surgery in 2015/16. Each provider is therefore able to increase staffing where this is needed in order to manage waiting times effectively.

As of 20 August, waiting times at the Brighton Nuffield for gender reassignment procedures were 4-6 months.

If you would like to take this discussion further, you may wish to contact NHS England at england.mp@nhs.net. This email address has been created to streamline the process of communication for MPs and to ensure that their correspondence reaches the office of the NHS England Chief Executive. If you have any queries about your contact with NHS England, please call Michelle Butterworth on 0113 825 0768.

I hope this reply is helpful.

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