

60486 Willow Centre's Service Policy

Please provide details of the Willow Centre's policy on providing a service to men who identify as women and please provide data on the number of men who identify as women who have used the services of the centre over the last five years.

The Willow Service offers a gender specific service to women who are or have been involved with the Justice System, irrespective of whether they were born female at birth or not. Where we deliver our service very much depends on the individual women's circumstances, taking account of the need's, risks, and vulnerabilities, of the woman herself and others who may be affected. We ask all women if they would anticipate having difficulties with meeting others in the course of our contact with them, people both known and unknown to them. This helps us to ensure both their safety and the safety of others and to determine where they will be seen and in what circumstances. We see women in prison, in their homes, in various locations in the community and in a variety of social work gender neutral offices across the city, including the Women's Centre where appropriate.

Over the past five years we have worked with nine women who were not female at birth, who have been seen in various locations.