TechReport - Understanding NHS intervention codes

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Hospital admissions statistics are available via NHS Digital for a number of recent years under "Hospital Episode Statistics - Admitted Patient Care Statistics". The aim is to identify gender-reassignment / gender-dysphoria related procedures to investigate associated parameters like wait-time, age, and so forth.

In the "Hospital Episode Statistics for England. Admitted Patient Care statistics" documents, main interventions and procedures as the primary procedures relevant to someone's hospital episode, are recorded using OPCS-4 codes (most recent: OPCS-4.8).

In 2018, a Freedom-of-Information-Act (FOIA) request sent to NHS Digital, and subsequently published on NHS Digital, asked for information about the waiting time from referral to treatment for transgender people. The response is reproduced in Figure 1
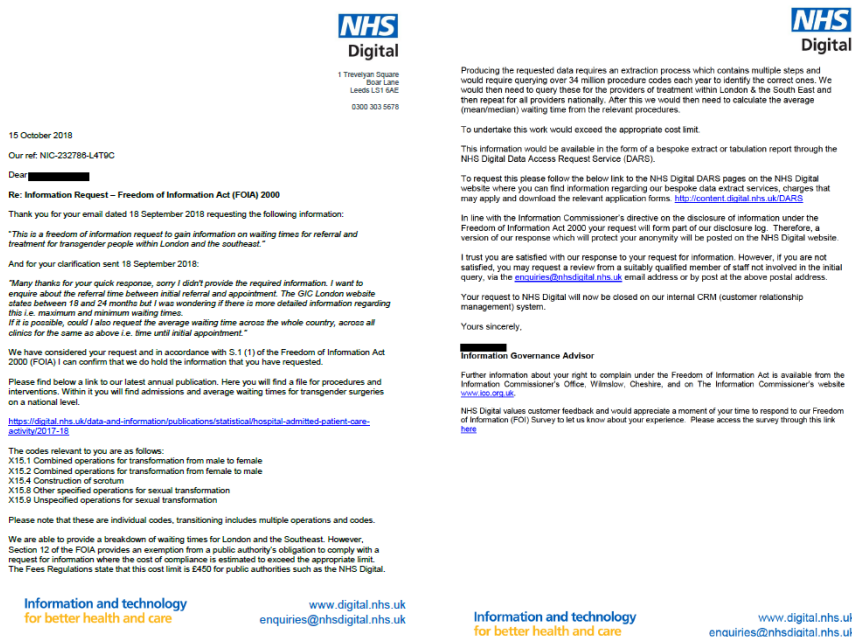

Figure 1: Response to Freedom-of-Information-Act request about waiting times for transgender procedures