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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Collaborations with Immigration Enforcement.

You asked:

This request refers to a time period of the second quarter of 2018, or the months April, May and June of 2018.

Please work downward through the following requests until the limits are reached:

- 1. Documents describing procedures for collaboration with immigration enforcement, specifically including policy concerning to but not limited to the following:*
 - a. Responses to requests for patient information by immigration enforcement. If this is covered by general policy concerning information shared with law enforcement, please provide this in addition.*
 - b. Information routinely shared with immigration enforcement (as differentiated from information shared with the home office in general for the purposes of charging for secondary care). For example, this might include a policy of reporting suspicious patients or patients who do not have UK citizenship or indefinite leave to remain. If this is covered by general policy concerning information shared with law enforcement, please provide this in addition.*
 - c. Policy surrounding the presence of immigration enforcement officers on hospital grounds. If this is covered by general policy covering the presence of law enforcement officers, please provide this in addition.*
- 2. The number of incidences of patient information being shared with immigration enforcement, and the number that occurred within the time period specified above. If the cost of a time-unlimited search is likely to exceed the limits imposed by the act, please limit it to incidents since 2016, and if that is likely to exceed the cost limits, solely provide the incidents in the time period above. Please also provide, if known (both for the period specified above and in total):*
 - a. The number of these incidents in which the patient was in primary care.*

- b. The number of incidents where this information resulted in an arrest.*
- c. The number of incidents where this information resulted in a deportation.*
- d. The number of incidents where this information resulted in proceedings to deport, but where the deportation has not been completed. (Or, if numbers of deportations are not known, total numbers of proceedings initiated)*
- e. The number of known incidents involving the presence of immigration enforcement officers on hospital grounds for the purposes of immigration enforcement (so excluding, for example, officers receiving medical treatment).*

3. Any and all written communication with immigration enforcement, and any notes, transcripts, minutes or summaries of meetings or conversations with immigration enforcement offices, redacted as appropriate.

Trust response:

1. The Trust Overseas Visitor Manager meets with the Home Office on a six monthly basis to receive information of all procedures.
2. Two to date. Details of any outcomes are not known.
3. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has therefore decided that such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.