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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 Losses and Special payments.

You asked:

In your financial accounts for the financial year 2017/18 did you have a section for "losses and special payments"?

1. If so how much money was accounted for in the 2017/2018 financial year as being "losses and special payments"? (Please note I am aware that the loss may have occurred many years earlier but I am interested in items which were accounted for in the last financial year, irrespective of when the loss took place.)

2. Please detail the three largest single amounts within this total, giving a cost for each loss and a detailed description of the claim and the reason for the loss.

3. What was the biggest loss written off in 2017/18 (regardless of when the debt was accumulated) that related to an unpaid patient bill? Please state the total amount of this written off debt, the nationality of the patient and the department of the hospital the majority where the majority of the bill was incurred.

Trust response:

1. Total value £78,932
2. £15,380.34 overseas visitor – patient deceased,
£5,442.14 overseas visitor – patient deceased,
£4,636.75 overseas visitor – patient deceased
3. £15,380.34 overseas visitor – patient deceased, no record of their nationality.

Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.