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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 Migrant upfront charging.

You asked:

Can you please provide me with the following information from October 2017 to the most recently available data?

1. The number of migrant patients under the age of 18 whose parents/guardians were charged upfront for treatment after the children were deemed ineligible for free healthcare. Please could you give the nature of the health problems (e.g. cancer, arrhythmia etc?)

2. The amount charged in each case.

3. Which children in 1 did not proceed with the intended treatment after their parents were asked to pay?

4. The number of children in 2 whose parents did not have the means to pay the charges.

Trust response:

All migrant children would be exempt from charges, as they would usually be under the care of social services and Home Office, which would make them exempt.