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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 Overseas patient up front tariff.

You asked:

- 1) How much money has your trust received from the charge in total since it was introduced?*
- 2) What is the cost, in either cash or staff hours and pay, of administering the charge to the trust?*
- 3) Please provide a breakdown of the treatments subject to the charge and how much has been recouped for each treatment over the same period.*
- 4) How much has the hospital spent on overseas patient treatments over the same period?*

Trust response:

1) This is still ongoing and not fully implemented to date. It is not completely agreed and signed off yet. There will be no upfront charges for routine care as the Trust will be cancelling the patient and referring them back to the GP for ongoing care.

2) One extra member of staff, Agenda for Change Band 4 and ongoing meetings to implement this new guidance with clinical and GP agreement.

3) We do not separate upfront charges and are unable to supply this information.

4)

October 2017 to March 2018	- 116 patients	£223,895.22
April 2018 to March 2019	- 139 patients	£260,649.34
April 2019 to date	- 12 patients	£18,480.42