

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 7342 FU

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Thank you for your request for further information relating to your FOI request reference FOI/GS/ID 7342 and the information disclosed.

You asked:

Your reply states "The Trust Finance system is unable to make the distinction between self-funding patients and any other patient seen in the Private Patient Unit (PPU)".

My question was "How much revenue did the trust make from self-funding patients in the last ten years? Please provide a yearly amount for each year."

Are you saying that the Trust has no idea how much revenue it has made annually from self-funding patients? That it has no data on this at all? Because that seems very unlikely.

Trust response:

The Trust response to the original request was as follows:

1. The Trust Finance system is unable to make the distinction between self-funding patients and any other patient seen in the Private Patient Unit (PPU).

Under Section 21 of the act the total income from the PPU can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our website. For the 2020/2021 year this figure is on page 111.

On receipt of your follow-up request the Trust made enquiries with the PPU payment provider who have been able to extract an additional level of data.

We apologise for not including this in our original response. The figures for self-funding income are listed below.

Financial Year	Income (£)
Sept 14 - March 15	260,455.09
April 15 - March 16	441,321.43
April 16 - March 17	362,139.24
April 17 - March 18	307,551.70
April 18 - March 19	191,097.40
April 19 - March 20	197,991.74
April 20 - March 21	139,106.94
April 21 - March 22	227,705.71

The Wells Suite beds are not ringfenced for private patients only and in times of pressure on our NHS services these beds will be made available to NHS patients.

Any net surplus from the income received from the Wells Suite is paid into the Trust's general account and then used to support the activity of the Trust, across the full range of NHS services that the Trust provides.