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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 patients.

You asked:

- 1. What is the number of asylum seeking and/or undocumented migrant women who had a miscarriage while in the care of your trust in the latest one year period you have data for?
- 2. What is the overall number of women who had a miscarriage while in care of your trust during the same period?
- 3. What is the total number of pregnant women you cared for during the same period?
- 4. What is the number of asylum seeking and/or undocumented migrant women who had a stillbirth while in the care of your trust in the latest one year period you have data available for?
- 5. What is the overall number of women who had a stillbirth while in care of your trust during the same period?
- 6. What is the total number of pregnant women you cared for during the same period?
- 7. Are you using private debt firms to recover treatment costs from overseas patients ineligible for free NHS treatment?
- 8. In the latest year you have data available for, how much money did you recover from ineligible patients, and how much was the total debt?
- 9. In the latest year you have data available for, how much money did you spend on fees for private debt firms to help recover payment from patients ineligible for free NHS treatment?

Trust response:

1. We do not hold this information in this level of detail in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into a patients record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be

manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

- 2. The Trust recorded 147 patients admitted with a miscarriage in 2021-2022.
- 3. The Trust recorded 8606 patients who were seen as an antenatal contact at least once in 2021-2022.
- 4. We do not hold this information in this level of detail in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into a patients record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.
- 5. The Trust recorded 18 still births in 2021-2022.
- 6. Duplication of Q3. Please see above response.
- 7. We do use a debt collection agency when we have exhausted all avenues ourselves.

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2021/2022 – total invoices raised - £455956.90 Total debt still unpaid to date £214265.30 9. £0