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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: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. What was the total loss written off by your Trust in 2021/22 (regardless of when the debt was accumulated) that related to unpaid bills invoiced to patients or their representatives?*
- 2. What was the biggest single loss written off by your Trust in 2021/22 (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 where the majority of the bill was incurred.*

Trust response:

- No debt is ever written off. However, for accounting purposes some debts are moved from the sales ledger to a nominal ledger account. These debts can always be reinstated.  
The figures used for accounting purposes can be found in the Trust Annual Report and Accounts 2021/2022 p115.
- The largest amount moved in 21/22 is: £69,911.98