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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 foreign national patients.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

Please could you provide me with information for each of the financial years 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20 in relation to overseas patients at your trust:

- 1. How many non UK residents and overseas national patients were treated by your trust?*
- 2. How many of the overseas national patients have unpaid medical bills – and what is the total cost for each of the financial years stated above?*
- 3. For the unpaid medical bills, what types of medical procedures or operations were carried out?*
- 4. How many bills have been written off each financial year in relation to overseas nationals and which countries were the patients from?*

Trust response:

Please note: Under Section 40.2 the Trust will not release a patient's nationality, medical diagnosis or procedure as this may enable the patient to be identified.

1.

19/20 = 3576

20/21 = 2537

21/22 = 4583

22/23 = 6447

23/24 = 6165

2.

Number of unpaid invoices:

19/20 – 6

20/21 – 8

21/22 – 9

22/23 – 98

23/24 – 115

Outstanding amounts of unpaid invoices:

19/20 – £31,996

20/21 – £15,319

21/22 – £32,191

22/23 – £257,896

23/24 – £300,414

Total cost of overseas patients:

19/20 = £1,936,072.57

20/21 = £1,371,688.02

21/22 = £2,001,250.46

22/23 = £2,544,239.30

23/24 = £2,252,279.45

3. This information is not held in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient 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.

4. No invoices are written off to the patient until they are paid – The trust accrue at the end of the Financial year.