

## Freedom of information request – our ref 17/18 – 3500

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information from your NHS Trust regarding overseas visitors who have been charged for NHS care and are exempt from reciprocal arrangements within the UK.

Please could you tell me:

1. The total number of overseas visitors who were invoiced for using the trust's services for each of the financial years: a) 2014/15 b) 2015/16 c) 2016/17
  - 14/15 15
  - 15/16 12
  - 16/17 138
2. The total amount of outstanding money owed to your trust by overseas visitors charged for healthcare for each of the financial years: a) 2014/15 b) 2015/16 c) 2016/17
  - 14/15 £17,912.11
  - 15/16 £19,404.86
  - 16/17 £159,294.27
3. The total amount of money actually recovered by your trust from overseas visitors charged for healthcare for each of the financial years: a) 2014/15 b) 2015/16 c) 2016/17
  - 14/15 £6,699.54
  - 15/16 £24,699.99
  - 16/17 £54,045.19
4. The highest unpaid bill for an overseas visitor for the financial year 2016/17. If possible, please also provide details of the patient's nationality, the treatment/ care provided and the total cost

£18,973.90

The Trust is unable to supply any other information as it would be patient identifiable and is covered under the Data Protection Act 1998.

See Annex below

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**ANNEX**

**Freedom of Information Act 2000: Section 40 Personal information.**

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
- (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
  - (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is—
- (a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—
    - (i) any of the data protection principles, or
    - (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
  - (b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.
- (4) The second condition is that by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(c) of that Act (data subject's right of access to personal data).
- (5) The duty to confirm or deny—
- (a) does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1), and
  - (b) does not arise in relation to other information if or to the extent that either—
    - (i) the giving to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the data protection principles or section 10 of the Data Protection Act 1998 or would do so if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of that Act were disregarded, or
    - (ii) by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(a) of that Act (data subject's right to be informed whether personal data being processed).
- (6) In determining for the purposes of this section whether anything done before 24th October 2007 would contravene any of the data protection principles, the exemptions in Part III of Schedule 8 to the Data Protection Act 1998 shall be disregarded.
- (7) In this section—
- “the data protection principles” means the principles set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998, as read subject to Part II of that Schedule and section 27(1) of that Act; “data subject” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act; “personal data” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act.