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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In each of the last three financial years (13/14), (14/15) and (15/16) what is the largest bill for the treatment of a foreign patient who was not entitled to free NHS care that you have written off in that you now see no realistic prospect of ever being paid for it.

13/14 £1,175.13
14/15 £6543.31
15/16 £131.00

For each of these three bills please state (i) the amount that has been written off and (ii) the main specialism of care that was provided eg (cardiology, orthopaedics, etc) and (iii) the nationality of the patient. NOTE: This question relates to the financial year that the bill was written off, NOT when the treatment was received.

13/14 £1175.13 (1 Case) further information not available

14/15 £21,569.86 (9 Cases)-

61.21	Ontario, Canada	Outpatients
830.30	South Africa (UK Citizen)	Cancer
1,440.24	Unknown	Maternity
29.75	Texas USA	Renal
5,626.66	Pakistan	Orthopaedics
6,543.31	Africa	Maternity
151.06	China	Respiratory
4,020.33	Pakistan	Maternity
2,867.00	Lanzarote	Outpatients

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I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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