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8th November 2016

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:

How many non-EU nationals were treated in your NHS trust during each of the last four financial years?

The below figures are from 2014 and represent those individuals not eligible for free NHS treatment

We are only able to provide this information from September 2013
Our matrix commenced as of Sept /13 – 2014 – identified 84 - 4 not eligible for free NHS Treatment
2014/15 – 305 identified and 10 patients not eligible for free NHS treatment
2015/2016 – 178 identified and 13 patients not eligible for free NHS treatment

How many of these were "chargeable" patients - ie those who should not have been receiving NHS care for free? Please give figures for each year

2012/2013 – invoice £28,070 and the amount actually paid was £23,922.22
2013-14- invoice £49,679.22 and the amount actually paid was £37, 099.40
2014/15 invoice £51,011.52 and the amount actually paid was £36,158
2015-16 invoice £52,700 and the amount actually paid was £14,962.00

How much money has the trust recovered in charges from patients who were not eligible for free NHS care? Please give figures for each year

Please see above

How much money has the trust NOT been able to recover in charges from patients who were not eligible for free NHS care? Please give figures for each year

2012/13 - £4147.78
2013/14-£12,579.82
2014/15 - £14,853.52
2015/16 - £37, 738

Which departments were most frequently used by non-EU overseas patients (eg maternity/gynaecology)?

Maternity/General surgery

Chairman: Robert Armstrong
Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE

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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