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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013311 – Overseas visitors

Information from 1/4/16 to 31/1/17

How much money has been spent by the Dudley Group to treat overseas visitors in 2016/17 who have not been eligible for free treatment? - £203,558

Please note that the amounts above relate to the amounts invoiced as per the Department of Health Guidance, not the amount spent by the Trust.

How much of that total has been paid? - £39,055

How much of that total is still outstanding? (Not including debt written off) - £164,503

How much of that total has been written off and for what reasons? - £96,841
unable to recover the debt due to the patient not having the funds to pay, returned to home country, patient deceased, Family resident in UK refusing to pay and legally we are only able to recover debt from patient.

For Non European patients who have outstanding debt over £500.00, they are reported to the Home Office once the debt is 3 months old. The Home Office will not issue future Visas to a NHS debtor until the debt is paid, they also have the authority to revoke Visa's. If the debtor returns to the UK on a valid visa, they are not allowed to cross the border into the UK unless the debt is settled immediately.

What is the largest outstanding debt run up by a single patient during this time and for what treatment? £23,067
Patient treated in Critical Care, unable to recover debt as patient died.