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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014114 – Upfront charge for healthcare

1.The number of overseas visitors, migrants and former UK residents who have been charged upfront for healthcare treatment by the Trust since October 2017(excluding private patients using paid-for services offered by the Trust)  
The Trust charges maternity patients who are identified as Overseas Visitors but are not refused treatment as per the Department of Health Guidance. There have been 11 number of patients charged since October 2017

2.The total costs charged for the treatments referred to in question 1 - £41,776.00

3.The number of overseas visitors, migrants and former UK residents who have been refused healthcare treatment by the Trust since October 2017 because they did not pay up front charges that were imposed (excluding private patients using paid-for services offered by the Trust)  
Patients referred to Outpatient or X Ray departments for non-urgent treatment would be asked to provide documentation to confirm eligibility for NHS treatment, if not they would be required to pay for the treatment up front. There have been two patients who were refused non urgent treatment but within a few days provided the relevant proof and treatment was duly provided.

4.Any data the Trust holds on the reasons for the refusal/inability of the patients referred in response to question 3 to pay the imposed up front charges  
Not applicable re response in Q3

5. Any data the Trust holds on the conditions the patients referred to in response to question 3 wished to be treated for, or alternatively the treatments that were subject to the imposed charges (these may be grouped into over-arching categories for data protection reasons)  
Not applicable as no patients were refused treatment.