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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014915 – Overseas visitor

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 during the financial year 2018/19

- 45 overseas visitors were invoiced

2. The total amount of outstanding money currently owed to your trust by overseas visitors charged for healthcare.

- £129,253.18 as at June 2019. The debt relates to 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19 financial years (reducing as installment payments are being made against the debt)

3. The highest unpaid bill for an overseas visitor for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19. If possible, please also provide details of the patient's nationality, the treatment/ care provided and the total cost.

- To avoid identification of any patient as per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5.
- The Trust has combined the highest unpaid bills for overseas visitors for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 which amounts to £23,040, which is being payed in installments by non European patients

The Trust has many requests about overseas visitors, to see previous responses on overseas visitors please go to the disclosure log on the Trust website <http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type in overseas