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Re: Freedom of Information Request FIRM 3885

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th June 2019.

Your request was received as follows: -

Please detail each instance between April 2014 and March 2019 (i.e within the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19) when an invoice was raised for an overseas visitor for treatment which exceeded £10,000.00. In each instance, please provide:

1. The total amount of the invoice
2. The medical speciality (or specialities) involved. e.g Maternity, renal, oncology, etc
3. The financial year in which the invoice was raised
4. The amount paid off by the patient, patient's family, friends or associates to date
5. Whether any amount from the original invoice has been written off by the Trust. If so, the amount written off and when (financial year) that amount or amounts were written off

If it does not breach NHS patient confidentiality rules, please can you also state for each invoice:

6. The nationality of the patient (i.e. where they were deemed to be ordinarily resident). If this is not possible please state EU / non-EU.
7. The broad age range of the patient at the time of treatment (eg under 18, 18 – 34, 35 – 60, over 60)
8. The gender of the patient

If the Trust raised no such invoices exceeding £10,000.00 during the five-year period in question, please state that in your response.

By 'overseas visitor' I mean patients defined as 'overseas visitors' under the [NHS \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) Regulations 2015](#), or comparable former regulations.

Due to the minimal number of patients identified, further information relating to patient invoices for overseas visitor treatment which exceeded £10,000.00 will not be released under Section 40(3)(a)(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as releasing this information may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality; compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and by virtue of the exemptions contained in section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the Trust believes that providing the information would be in breach of the Principle (B) of GDPR as well as provisions under Chapter III regarding individuals' rights.

See our response above in [blue](#).

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain



circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information

