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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4288**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th March 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been invoiced for maternity care at the Trust?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have a Maternity Unit, therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

2) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women have been invoiced for maternity care at the Trust?

N/A

3) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been notified to the Home Office during or after receiving maternity care at the Trust?

N/A

4) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been referred to debt collection agencies in connection with maternity care at the Trust?

N/A

5) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been checked by Experian or other credit-rating agencies in connection with maternity care at the Trust?

N/A

6) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have failed to attend antenatal appointments to which they were invited?

N/A

7) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" attending antenatal appointments have been sent letters warning they may become non-eligible for free NHS care? (As reported

here for your reference)

N/A

8) How has the Trust considered the following statement of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges: "As the coordinating body for the UK and Ireland's 24 medical Royal Colleges and Faculties, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges supports the suspension of the NHS charging regulations pending a full and independent review of the impact on both individual and public health."

N/A

9) How much does the Trust ordinarily charge each migrant woman ineligible for free NHS care who has received maternity care, which may include antenatal, delivery and postnatal care? For your reference, the British Medical Journal has reported that migrants pay 150% of the costs of their care.

N/A

10) In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been charged in excess of the ordinary fees after experiencing complicated deliveries including stillbirth?

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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