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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5563

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 27th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. What was the total loss written off by your Trust in 2021/22 (regardless of when the debt was accumulated) that related to unpaid bills invoiced to patients or their representatives?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) can confirm the total loss written off in 2021/22 was £142.](#)

2. What was the biggest single loss written off by your Trust in 2021/22 (regardless of when the debt was accumulated) that related to an unpaid patient bill? Please state the total amount of this written off debt, the nationality of the patient and the department of the hospital where the majority of the bill was incurred.

[The WCFT can confirm the biggest loss written off in 2021/22 was £142 for a private patient relating to a pain management assessment. The nationality of the patient is British.](#)

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5563 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



Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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