

# Request title: Overseas Patients costs 2014/15

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Date of Response: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request and reply

The Trust has provided the attached spread sheet with the information that is has recorded. Please note, that this information is only recorded by financial year and not calendar year. The Trust did not record overseas visitors income prior to 2010/11 as it was included in private patient income.

For each calendar year between 2007 and 2015 inclusive, broken down by month for 2014 and 2015, please state:

1. The number of overseas patients who were not entitled to NHS treatment (under the overseas patient regulations existing at the time), who were treated by the Trust  
Please see the attachment above in response to this question.
2. The total combined cost (of that treatment) that the Trust was entitled to recoup from those patients  
Please see the attachment above in response to this question.
3. Of the patients data provided in response to question 1, the number of patients who still owe money to the Trust  
Please see the attachment above in response to this question.
4. Of the cost figures provided in response to question 2, the amount of money that has to date been recouped from those patients by the Trust  
Please see the attachment above in response to this question.
5. Of the cost figures provided in response to question 2, the amount of money that has to date been recouped not from the patients, but from other NHS organisations (including NHS England and the Department of Health)  
No costs have been recouped from any NHS organisations and this would not be appropriate under the Department of Health Charging Regulations.
6. The total income of the Trust each year (does not need to be broken down by month  
Please see the attachment above in response to this question.
7. The name of any debt collection agency currently hired by the Trust to recoup money from overseas patients who were not entitled to NHS treatment, when they were hired for this role, how much they have been paid for this role, and how much money they have recouped from overseas patients since they were hired  
The Trust uses CCI Legal. The date of this appointment was 2003. The payment terms consistent of a negotiated percentage rate plus VAT on all successfully recovered income.  
Finance data in terms of income recouped is not available prior to June 2014 due to the fact that this was included within the Private Patient accounts. Since June 2014 a total of £1.5k has been recouped.

PLASE NOTE THAT THIS REQUEST EXCLUDES PRIVATE PATIENTS (i.e. patients using Trust services under paid-for "private healthcare" arrangements) (private patient income should be included in the

question 6 data).

If the information for questions 3 and/or 7 cannot be located within the section 12 cost limit, please exclude the question(s) and process the remainder of the request.

If the information for question 5 cannot be located within the section 12 cost limit, please state whether or not, as a matter of policy, such costs could be recouped from other NHS organisations, exclude the question 5 costs data, and process the remainder of the request.

If the 2014 and 2015 information cannot be broken down by month, please provide it by year. If the requested information for all questions cannot be provided by calendar year, please provide it by financial year (from 2007/8 to 2015/16 year-to-date inclusive, preferably broken down by month for 2014/15 and 2015/16).

I would like the information provided by email. Please provide the data for questions 1 to 6 in the spreadsheet attached if possible. The question 7 information can be provided in whatever manner the Trust prefers. Please note that if information is provided by financial year, or is not broken down into months, the spreadsheet will need to be altered.