

Request title: Medical Bills for Foreign Patients

Date of Response: 03rd January 2017

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

Request

1. Please could you provide me with details of any outstanding individual medical bills for foreign patients using maternity services within the trust.
2. Within this, could you please include the dates that the care was provided and the nationality of the patient. Please redact the name of the patient if you feel it would breach any laws protecting their identity.
3. Also, please can you tell me if debts are written off or passed on to debt recovery services after a certain amount of time and how long that is.

Reply

1. Please see table below
2. Please see table below- names have not been provided
3. We send the patient 3 reminders following the issue of the invoice (14 days, 30 days and 45 days) and then the accounts are referred to our debt agents if no contact has been made. Write offs are rare and only occur when all avenues of debt recovery have been exhausted.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>£ invoice</u>	<u>Invoice Status</u>	<u>£ Outstanding</u>
2014/15	American	£ 1,696.00	Payment plan in place	£ 546.00
2014/15	Nigerian	£ 131.00	Referred to debt agents	£ 131.00
2014/15	Ghana	£ 5,118.00	Payment plan in place	£ 4,968.00
2014/15	American	£ 1,645.60	Referred to debt agents	£ 1,645.60
2014/15	Namibian	£ 246.40	Referred to debt agents	£ 246.40
2014/15	British	£ 565.00	Referred to debt agents	£ 565.00
2015/16	Cuban	£ 4,107.00	Referred to debt agents	£ 4,107.00
2015/16	Chinese	£ 8,880.00	Payment plan in place	£ 8,080.00
2015/16	UAE	£ 204.00	Referred to debt agents	£ 204.00
2015/16	Philippines	£ 1,596.00	Referred to debt agents	£ 1,546.00
2015/16	Kenya	£ 5,449.00	Referred to debt agents	£ 5,449.00
2016/17	Albanian	£4,107.00	Payment plan in place	£ 2,007.00

2016/17	Nigerian	£ 1,617.00	Payment plan in place	£ 1,017.00	
2016/17	British/ Trinidadian	£ 3,876.00	Payment plan in place	£ 3,676.00	
2016/17	British	£ 208.00	Outstanding	£ 208.00	
2016/17	Chinese	£ 1,617.00	Payment plan in place	£ 1,417.00	
2016/17	Georgian	£ 1,617.00	Outstanding	£ 1,617.00	
	Total	£ 42,680.00		£ 37,430.00	