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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 June 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding overseas visitors invoices. Specifically you requested information 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?***

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No. of invoices raised	Q1 Original amount	Q2 Speciality	Q3 Year	Q4 Amount paid	Q5 Written off	Balance outstanding
NIL	-	-	2014/15	-	-	-
NIL	-	-	2015/16	-	-	-
1 invoice	£10,221.09	Gynaecology	2016/17	£2,420.00	-	£7,801.09
3 invoices	£11,358.15	General Medicine	2017/18	£0.00	Invoice cancelled exempt condition	£0.00
	£13,262.38	General Medicine	2017/18	£600.00	-	£12,662.38
	£13,632.00	Gynaecology	2017/18	£100.00	-	£13,532.00
4 invoices	£11,135.95	General Medicine	2018/19	£11,135.95	-	paid in full
	£13,935.00	Trauma & Orthopaedics	2018/19	£0.00	-	£13,935.00
	£20,464.50	General Medicine	2018/19	£1,250.00	-	£19,214.50
	£77,778.39	ITU	2018/19	£77,778.39	-	paid in full by insurance company

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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?

Answer: The Trust does not record the information for Q6, Q7 and Q8.

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.

In line with the Information Commissioner’s directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer