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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to charges to overseas Visitors and migrants and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

***Overseas visitors to England, including anyone living in the UK without permission, will not be charged for:***

- ***testing for COVID-19 (even if the test shows they do not have COVID-19)***
- ***treatment for COVID-19, including for a related problem called multisystem inflammatory syndrome that affects some children***
- ***vaccination against COVID-19***

***No immigration checks are needed for overseas visitors if they are only tested, treated or vaccinated for COVID-19.***

Please can you tell me:

1. **Between Feb 2020 and December 2021, did your Trust treat any overseas visitors or migrants (e.g. those usually subject to cost recovery provisions)?**

Yes

**If YES:**

a) **How many of these were treated for COVID-19?**

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b) **How many of these patients did your Trust exempted for charges related to their treatment under the "Guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations (amended Feb 2020)"?**

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c) **If available, please provide nationalities (individual or coded by continent), ages and gender of these patients.**

Due to the low number of patients the Trust feels that it would be more appropriate to use bandings for ages to avoid any possibility that a patient's identity could be inferred from the data. As such we can confirm that:

Both patients were male,

One was European and the other was North American,

One patient was in their 30's and the other was in their 60's

**If NO:**

d) **Prior to Feb 2020, did your Trust treat any overseas visitors or migrants and recover costs? If so, can you provide the cost recovery information for the preceding 5 years.**

Not applicable

**If YES or NO:**

2. **What, if any, training has been given in your trust to those engaged in cost recovery about the application of new provision around COVID-19 and the implementation of the amendments to the guidance on charging? If this training or information is available in textual formats (e.g. PDF/JPG/PPT or the like), please can you attach it to your response.**

Training includes the charging regulations booklet, Trust internal meetings, and national and regional meetings

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with

the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**