

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 October 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

Exemptions from charging for overseas visitors

1. **For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals who were deemed exempt from charges for NHS services (including those who were deemed exempt at a later point pursuant to Regulation 6A of the 2015 Regulations) provided pursuant to:**
 - a. **Regulation 9 (f) of the 2015 Regulations in total**
 - b. **Regulation 9 (f) (i) (torture)**
 - c. **Regulation 9 (f) (ii) (female genital mutilation)**
 - d. **Regulation 9 (f) (iii) (domestic violence)**
 - e. **Regulation 9 (f) (iv) (sexual violence)**

The Trust does not record this information in a central location. To obtain this information would entail trawling through patient record which would require patient consent and exceed the appropriate time limit.

2. **For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt from charges pursuant to:**
 - a. **Regulation 10 (2) of the 2015 Regulations in total**
 - b. **Regulation 10 (2) (a) (IHS paid)**
 - c. **Regulation 10 (2) (b) (an exemption from the IHS applies)**
 - d. **Regulation 10 (2) (c) (a reduction or waiver from the IHS applies)**
 - e. **Regulation 10 (2) (d) (a partial refund of the IHS has been made)**

Please see Q1.

3. **For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt from charges pursuant to 10 (2) of the 2015 Regulations for whom the relevant period is:**

- a. As defined under Regulation 10 (1) (a) (the period of leave granted)
- b. As defined under Regulation 10 (1) (b) (extension of leave provisions)

Please see Q1.

- 4. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt (including those who were deemed exempt at a later point pursuant to Regulation 6 of the 2015 Regulations) from charges pursuant to:

- a. Regulation 15 of the 2015 Regulations in total
- b. Regulation 15 (a) and (aa) (those granted asylum and humanitarian protection and their dependents)
- c. Regulation 15 (b) and (ba) (those who have applied for asylum or humanitarian protection and their dependents)
- d. Regulation 15 (c) (those supported under s.95 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)
- e. Regulation 15 (d) (i) (those supported under s.4 (2) Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)
- f. Regulation 15 (d) (iii) (those supported under Part 1 of the Care Act)
- g. Regulation 15 (e) (a child looked after by the local authority)

Please see Q1.

- 5. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt from charges pursuant to Regulation 16 (1) of the 2015 Regulations in total (please include those who were deemed exempt at a later point pursuant to Regulation 6).

Please see Q1.

NHS Debts for charges for overseas visitors

- 6. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of invoices for NHS debts for overseas visitors' charges which have been written off for accounting purposes.

2016 – £88,398.35 42 invoices

2017 - £14,898.50 8 invoices

- 7. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) what was the total sum of the debt for overseas visitors' charges that was written off for accounting purposes for each year within the Trust (at the rate charged to the Trust, that is, 75%)?

All debts raised to overseas patients are raised at Tariff +50%, therefore this is included in the amounts written off and credited back to CCG if they have underwritten that cost.

- 8. Of the debts written off for accounting purposes at question 6 above, what was the average debt?

2016 - £2,104.72

2017 - £1,862.31

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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