

## ***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.

### **Trust policies on charging overseas visitors for NHS services**

**1. Please provide information as to whether the Trust has issued or adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance, published or unpublished, concerning the application of NHS Overseas Visitors Regulations 2015 (as amended) and/or the application of the national guidance from the DOHSC as described above.**

**a. If so, please provide a copy of the same.**

**b. If not, please confirm that no such policies, instructions or guidance are held.**

The Trust follows and applies the Department of Health Guidelines when treating overseas visitors. This can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/767905/guidance-on-implementing-the-overseas-visitor-charging-regulations.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767905/guidance-on-implementing-the-overseas-visitor-charging-regulations.pdf)

### **Information specific to maternity services**

**2. Please provide information as to whether the Trust has issued or adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance to those providing maternity services within the Trust concerning the operation of Regulation 9 (f) (i) – (iv) of the NHS Overseas Visitors Charging Regulations, namely the exemption for “*services provided for the treatment of a condition caused by (i) torture; (ii) female genital mutilation; (iii) domestic violence; or (iv) sexual violence, provided that the overseas visitor has not travelled to the United Kingdom for the purpose of seeking that treatment*”.**

**a. If so, please provide a copy of the same.**

**b. If not, please confirm that no such policies, instructions or guidance are held.**

As above the only guidance applied is as per the below link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/767905/guidance-on-implementing-the-overseas-visitor-charging-regulations.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767905/guidance-on-implementing-the-overseas-visitor-charging-regulations.pdf)

**3. We further request a copy of any standard pro forma used at the a woman’s first ante natal booking appointment with maternity services.**

No

**4. Within maternity services provided by the Trust, for the years 2016 - 2017 (separately) what was the percentage of women attending their booking appointments at:**

**a. 10 weeks gestational age and over (total)**

2016 – 37.98%

2017 – 33.98%

**And of those:**

**b. 10 weeks +1 day – 12 weeks +6 days**

2016 – 24.66%

2017 – 26.87%

**c. 13-20 weeks**

2016 – 6.74%

2017 – 5.87%

**d. Over 20 weeks**

The Trust does not record this information.

**5. For the same period what percentage of the above women at 4 (a) - (d) were subject to charges for NHS maternity services?**

2016 – 32 women

2017 – 47 women

The Trust are unable to provide these figures as a percentage.

**For the same period what percentage of the women at 4 (a) were deemed to be a 'high risk' pregnancy in accordance with NICE guidelines?**

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

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

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

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