

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 17 July 2019.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Whether the Trust has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Home Office regarding the Immigration Enforcement Checking and Advisory Service (IECAS) helpline. If so, please provide a copy of that MoU

Quoted : Justification / legislation : Before imposing charges, relevant NHS bodies must be satisfied, having made reasonable enquiries, that the patient is chargeable (see regs 3(1) and (2) of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2011). Information about the patient's immigration status is sought for this purpose.

2. For each financial year since 2017/18 and including 2019/20, the number of patients whose information and/or data was shared with the Home Office without the patient's knowledge or permission, and the basis for this information sharing. Please state the categories of information that were disclosed (e.g. country of origin)

No log kept, patients permission is not required, Categories disclosed are as per the Home Office information request form -see below

	NHS requestor
	NHS Trust
	NHS email address
	Subject's name
	Subject's nationality
	Subject's date of birth
	Male / female
	Subject's address
	Additional comments
	Treatment dates

3. Staff training slides (or Word documents, pdfs) used in any training/guidance sessions, related to patient charging, delivered by Overseas Visitor Managers to Trust staff since July 2017.

Internal use only and not for the wider public use but please see the link where guidance and training is sought:

<https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/overseas-visitors-cost-recovery/>

4 .Copies of the training material used to train Overseas Visitor Managers in relation to identifying patients ineligible for free NHS care

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/771515/Guidance_on_implementing_the_overseas_visitor_charging_regulations.pdf

5. Any checklist, guidance, policies or procedures currently used by Overseas Visitor Managers to identify patients who may be ineligible for free NHS care under the overseas patient charging rules

As per the above link

6. Does the Trust record the ethnicity or nationality of patients who are asked to provide evidence/proof of their eligibility for free NHS care? If so, please provide this

data for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (year to date)

This information is recorded but not obtainable

7. Please list the circumstances under which, under current Trust/DHSC policy, the Trust shares the home address of past or current patients with the Home Office

To establish a patients residency

8. Have any Trust staff faced disciplinary procedures for not cooperating with the identification or charging of patients ineligible for free NHS care since October 2017?

No

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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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