

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 11 March 2020.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women have been invoiced for maternity care at the Trust?**

Year	No. of women
19/20 YTD	11
18/19	10
17/18	24

- 2. In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been notified to the Home Office during or after receiving maternity care at the Trust?**

Unable to answer due to data not being sent by treatment category

- 3. In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been referred to debt collection agencies in connection with maternity care at the Trust?**

Unable to answer referrals are not sent or recorded by treatment category

- 4. In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been checked by Experian or other credit-rating agencies in connection with maternity care at the Trust?**

N/A not undertaken

- 5. In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have failed to attend antenatal appointments to which they were invited?**

The Trust does not hold this information.

- 6. In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" attending antenatal appointments have been sent letters warning they may become non-eligible for free NHS care? (As reported [here](#) for your reference)**

Letters are sent on referral of the patient should they potentially liable for the cost of their NHS care; the figures are not recorded.

7. **How has the Trust considered the [following statement](#) of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges: "As the coordinating body for the UK and Ireland's 24 medical Royal Colleges and Faculties, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges supports the suspension of the NHS charging regulations pending a full and independent review of the impact on both individual and public health."**

No - The Trust takes its directive from the Department of Health, and currently follows the charging regulations set for Trusts to follow.

8. **How much does the Trust ordinarily charge each migrant woman ineligible for free NHS care who has received maternity care, which may include antenatal, delivery and postnatal care? For your reference, the British Medical Journal has [reported](#) that migrants pay 150% of the costs of their care.**

The Trust follows the National Tariff set and overseas chargeable patients pay 150% of tariff if they are visiting from outside of the EU.

9. **In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been charged in excess of the ordinary fees after experiencing complicated deliveries including stillbirth?**

Patients are **ONLY** charged costs that are set in the National Tariff.

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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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