

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-682**

Date 5 December 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information from your NHS Trust regarding overseas visitors who have been charged for NHS care and are exempt from reciprocal arrangements within the UK. Please could you tell me:

- 1. The total number of overseas visitors who were invoiced for using the trust's services for each of the financial years:**

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
210	332	431

- 2. The total amount of outstanding money owed to your trust by overseas visitors charged for healthcare for each of the financial years:**

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
£6k	£94k	£383k

- 3. The total amount of money actually recovered by your trust from overseas visitors charged for healthcare for each of the financial years:**

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
£124k	£175k	£219k

- 4. The highest unpaid bill for an overseas visitor for the financial year 2016/17. If possible, please also provide details of the patient's nationality, the treatment/ care provided and the total cost**

We are unable to provide the requested information it as we have considered that there is the potential for the individual to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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