



**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-349**

9 July 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request:**

Please detail each instance between April 2014 and March 2019 (i.e within the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19) when an invoice was raised for an overseas visitor for treatment which exceeded £10,000.00. In each instance, please provide:

1. The total amount of the invoice
2. The medical speciality (or specialities) involved. e.g Maternity, renal, oncology, etc
3. The financial year in which the invoice was raised
4. The amount paid off by the patient, patient's family, friends or associates to date
5. Whether any amount from the original invoice has been written off by the Trust. If so, the amount written off and when (financial year) that amount or amounts were written off.

If it does not breach NHS patient confidentiality rules, please can you also state for each invoice:

6. The nationality of the patient (i.e. where they were deemed to be ordinarily resident). If this is not possible please state EU / non-EU.
7. The broad age range of the patient at the time of treatment (eg under 18, 18 – 34, 35 – 60, over 60)
8. The gender of the patient

If the Trust raised no such invoices exceeding £10,000.00 during the five-year period in question, please state that in your response.

**Response:**

Please see attached pdf document.

Please note that with regard to question 2, the Trust can provide the data by Division rather than specialty.

Division abbreviations:

DT: Diagnostics and Therapies  
MEDCNE: Medicine  
SHN: Surgery  
SPECSER: Specialised Services  
WMNCH: Women and Children

With regard to questions 6, 7 and 8, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, takes the view that this information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 40(2) of the 2000 Act. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1, therefore find that the 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

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Yours sincerely

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