

FOI REF: 24/265

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please could you provide me with information for each of the financial years 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20 in relation to overseas patients at your trust:

- 1) **How many non-UK residents and overseas national patients were treated by your trust?**

Year	Overseas Patients Invoiced
2019/2020	106
2020/2021	61
2021/2022	79
2022/2023	153
2023/2024	187

- 2) **How many of the overseas national patients have unpaid medical bills – and what is the total cost for each of the financial years stated above?**

Year	Overseas Patients have Unpaid Bills	Cost of Unpaid Medical Bills
2019/2020	7	£16,878.97
2020/2021	12	£41,639.08
2021/2022	32	£96,815.68
2022/2023	56	£218,282.30
2023/2024	101	£240,295.60

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3) For the unpaid medical bills, what types of medical procedures or operations were carried out?

Please note we can only provide the specialty areas the overseas patient was treated within.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Types of Care Provided</u>
2019/2020	Medicine; Gynaecology; Cardiology, (ENT) Ear, Nose & Throat, Maternity and General Surgery
2020/2021	Urology, Maternity, Gastroenterology, Orthopaedics Paediatrics, Ophthalmology; Stroke and General Medicine
2021/2022	Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology. Maternity; Ophthalmology; Gynaecology; Maxillofacial surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat; Urology; Elderly and General Medicine; Cardiology; Diabetic Medicine and General Surgery
2022/2023	Orthopaedics; Acute Medicine; Cardiology; Maxillofacial Surgery; General Medicine and Intensive Care Services; Endoscopy; Ophthalmology; Maternity; Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat; Rheumatology and Radiology procedures; General Surgery; Paediatrics; Urology; Respiratory; Gastroenterology, Gynaecology
2023/2024	Oncology and Radiology; Maternity; Neurology; Paediatrics Cardiology; Gynaecology; General and Elderly Medicine; Orthopaedics; Ophthalmology and Maxillofacial surgery; General Surgery; ENT; Paediatrics; Urology; Stroke Medicine; Rheumatology; Paediatric Dermatology Gastroenterology; Diabetes & Endocrinology

4) How many bills have been written off each financial year in relation to overseas nationals and which countries were the patients from?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Bills Written Off</u>	<u>Countries Overseas Patient From</u>
2019/2020	29	Solomon Islands; Albania; Spain; Chile Portugal, Jamaica. United States of America; Italy; Zimbabwe; Canada; India; Australia. Grenada; Tunisia Brazil; South African
2020/2021	16	Morocco; United States of America. South Africa; Solomon Islands; Iraq; Romania; India; Australia; Albania; Bangladesh
2021/2022	6	Morocco; India; Iran; Brazil
2022/2023	2	India
2023/2024	0	Not applicable

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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