

FOI REF: 25/112

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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:

- 1) **Please could you state how many patients were treated by your Trust in the last financial year (23/24) who were patients that should have paid for their treatment because they were not entitled to free NHS hospital care.**

179.

- 2) **How many of these patients who should have paid for their treatment had:**

- a) **Elective treatment?**

91.

- b) **Non-elective treatment?**

88.

- 3) **Of those patients who were billed for treatment, how many were:**

- a) **For elective treatment and the bill is still wholly or partly outstanding and what is their cumulative value (the unpaid balance) in total?**

33 patients

£35,367.49

- b) **For non-elective treatment and the bill is still wholly or partly outstanding and what is their cumulative value (the unpaid balance) in total?**

44 patients

£139,041.11

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- 4) Please provide a nationality breakdown of the patients who have unpaid bills against them for treatment in 23/24, showing the number of patients from each country.

Albanian	5	Iraqi	1
American	7	Jamaican	1
Bangladeshi	3	Kazakhstani	1
Brazilian	1	New Zealander	1
British	5	Nigerian	4
British Overseas	1	Polish	1
Bulgarian	1	Portuguese	4
Canadian	1	Romanian	6
Colombian	1	Russian	1
Czech	1	Saudi	1
Dutch	1	South Africa	1
Ecuadorian	1	Sri Lankan	2
Filipino	1	Swedish	1
French	2	Turkish	1
German	3	Ukrainian	1
Ghanaian	1	Unknown	2
Greek	1	Venezuelan	1
Indian	9	Vietnamese	2

- 5) Please state the amount of the largest unpaid bill for a chargeable patient in the last financial year (2023/24) for:

a) Elective treatment, giving:

- i) The amount that is due.

£7,933.61

- ii) The speciality or specialities involved in treating that patient.

Midwifery and Obstetrics.

- iii) The patient's country of residence.

United Kingdom.

b) Non-elective treatment, giving:

- i) The amount that is due.

£18,162.92.

- ii) The speciality or specialities involved in treating that patient.

Trauma & Orthopaedics, Acute Internal Medicine Service and Medicine for The Elderly.

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iii) The patient's country of residence.

United States of America.

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

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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