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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I wish to make an FOI request, please can you tell me for each of the last 12 months of data, or if this information is not available for the full period, the latest available data.

- 1) The number of individual referrals made to DHSC regarding a person with an unpaid debt of 2 months.**
- 2) The total value of these unpaid debts, and the total value remaining unpaid.**
- 3) If possible, please break down part one of this request by the nationality (which is information that guidance stipulates is to be included in the referral wherever possible). If it is not possible to comply with this part of the request, please proceed with parts one and 2.**

[For all three questions, please refer to the attached document entitled "FOI 26-719 Unpaid Debts of 2 Months".](#)

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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FOI : 26/719 - Unpaid Debts of 2 Months

Month	No. Referrals Made to DHSC With Unpaid Debt Older Than 2 Months	Total Value of Debt (£)	Total Value of Unpaid Debt (£)	Nationality of Debtor (If Known)
Oct-25	0	£0.00	£0.00	N/A
Nov-25	8	£199,070.56	£198,143.84	Albanian, German, Ukrainian, American, Nigerian, Latvian, Indian and Brazilian
Dec-25	3	£37,896.71	£37,896.71	Chinese, Albanian and Indian
Jan-26	3	£27,631.62	£27,631.62	Filipino, Nigerian and Lithuanian
Feb-26	5	£43,348.08	£42,386.04	Bangladeshi, American, Nigerian and Indian
Mar-26	11	£46,879.40	£26,431.47	Thailand, Philippines, Indian, Brazilian, and American
Apr-26	6	£37,798.77	£35,225.97	Brazilian, Bangladeshi, Trinidad & Tobago, Albanian and Iraqi
May-26	0	£0.00	£0.00	N/A
Jun-26	25	£135,956.56	£128,055.37	Pakistani, German, Albanian, Pakistani, Indian, Nepalese, Egyptian, Rwandan, Ukrainian, American, Polish, Brazilian and Nigerian
Jul-26	1	£1,042.10	£1,042.10	Filipino
Aug-26	2	£1,652.49	£1,552.49	American and Brazilian
Sep-26	0	£0.00	£0.00	N/A