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Subject: Overseas Visitors – ID checks

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Please tell me whether the trust carries out routine identity checks on patients attending outpatient appointments to ascertain whether they are ordinarily resident in the UK.

At the moment the Trust does not carry our routine identity checks

2. If yes, please answer the following questions:

A) Which patients undergo such checks? (– e.g. all those attending first appointment for a new care pathway)

B) Please state what forms of documentation they have to provide? (E.g. passports, proof of address)

C) What happens if they cannot provide proof of being ordinarily resident?

3. Please also state how many Overseas Visitor Managers (OVMs) or Overseas Visitor Officers (OVOs) are employed by the trust (Please state as Full Time Equivalent)

No Managers. One officer linked to Private Patient's role

4. Please state the highest bill which is still outstanding owed by an overseas visitor for a) 2017/18 to date and b) 2016/17.

2016/17 £6.3K

2017/18 £16K

5. In relation to question 4, please broadly state the nature of the treatment (e.g. ophthalmology, kidney dialysis, obstetrics) and the nationality of the patient, if known.

We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.