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Subject: Overseas patient upfront tariff statistics

REQUEST

Since October 2017, NHS providers and non-NHS providers have been legally required to recover full charges for services that are not immediately necessary or urgent, in advance of providing them.

1. What is the total amount of **revenue** that the Trust brought in by these charges?
2. What is the total **cost** (or estimated cost) to the Trust of implementing these rules? (Including staffing costs).
3. Please provide a **breakdown of all the charges** that have been collected by the Trust. This should be itemised by the list of categories that is included in the [overseas patient upfront tariff price list](#). For each speciality/category, please state:
 - (a) the total number of times that patients have been charged for this category of treatment;
 - (b) the total amount of money collected for this category of treatment.

NB: All of the statistics requested should start from when upfront charges were introduced in October 2017, and go up to either 31 December 2018, or whenever your records go up to.

RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.