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Subject: Maternity services within the Trust

REQUEST & RESPONSE

This request seeks information about decisions made under the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015 (the '2015 Regulations'), amended most recently by the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017. The Department of Health and Social Care has published national guidance on the implementation of the same entitled "Guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations" (May 2018).

Trust policies on charging overseas visitors for NHS services

1. Please provide information as to whether the Trust has issued or adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance, published or unpublished, concerning the application of NHS Overseas Visitors Regulations 2015 (as amended) and/or the application of the national guidance from the DOHSC as described above.
 - a. If so, please provide a copy of the same.
 - b. If not, please confirm that no such policies, instructions or guidance are held.

Information specific to maternity services

2. Please provide information as to whether the Trust has issued or adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance to those providing maternity services within the Trust concerning the operation of Regulation 9 (f) (i) – (iv) of the NHS Overseas Visitors Charging Regulations, namely the exemption for "*services provided for the treatment of a condition caused by (i) torture; (ii) female genital mutilation; (iii) domestic violence; or (iv) sexual violence, provided that the overseas visitor has not travelled to the United Kingdom for the purpose of seeking that treatment*".
 - a. If so, please provide a copy of the same.

- b. If not, please confirm that no such policies, instructions or guidance are held.

The Trust has not adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance concerning the application of NHS Overseas Visitors. We are compliant with Department of Health guidance/policies.

3. We further request a copy of any standard pro forma used at the a woman's first ante natal booking appointment with maternity services.

Please see attached

4. Within maternity services provided by the Trust, for the years 2016 - 2017 (separately) what was the percentage of women attending their booking appointments at:

- a. 10 weeks gestational age and over (total)

2016= 48.4%

2017= 35.7%

And of those:

- b. 10 weeks +1 day – 12 weeks +6 days

2016= 30.5%

2017= 20%

- c. 13-20 weeks

2016= 15.2%

2017= 13.5%

- d. Over 20 weeks

2016= 7.6%

2017= 7.1%

5. For the same period what percentage of the above women at 4 (a) - (d) were subject to charges for NHS maternity services?

The Trust does not hold this data

6. For the same period what percentage of the women at 4 (a) were deemed to be a 'high risk' pregnancy in accordance with NICE guidelines?

The Trust does not hold this data