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REQUEST

1.(a) In relation to 2020/21 how many Overseas Patients Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare were treated in the maternity department of your Trust?

(b) How many of these patients (Overseas Patients Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare who were treated in the maternity department of your Trust during 2020/21) have received an invoice from the Trust for the value of the care they received?

(c) If the answer to (a) is greater than the answer to (b) could you please state why not all these patients were sent an invoice for their care?

(d) In relation to the patients who received a bill, what is the total value of all those invoices?

(e) How many of the invoices sent to patients in (b) have not been paid and what is the total value of these as yet unpaid bills?

(f) In relation to these unpaid bills what is the single biggest outstanding amount?

(g) What is the total amount of invoices for care of any description at your hospital that were written off in the 2020/21 financial year, but which were incurred at any time in the past?

RESPONSE

1.(a) In 2020/21 * Overseas Patients treated in the maternity department at our Trust deemed Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare.

* **Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

(b) To date no invoices have been raised.

(c) These patients have not been sent an invoice for their care because they are still under investigation/awaiting further evidence and so pending a decision.

(d) n/a

(e) n/a

(f) n/a

(g) £30,000