

FOI 2733

3rd December 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Anonymised data concerning charges made to overseas visitors for non-urgent care in the period from 1 January 2019 - 1 January 2024.

Please could you provide the data from your trust on the following:

- **Nationality of patients charged during the stated time period**
- **Ethnicity of patients charged during the stated time period**
- **Invoice amount for all patients subject to charges**

Response:

Points 1 & 2

The Trust systems do not record nationality as part of our patient record. In order to provide you with the information, where it is available, would require an extensive manual exercise to review each response during the periods identified. Therefore, the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the appropriate limit as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. To obtain this information would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Point 3

The total value of invoices raised from 01 January 2019 to 01 January 2024 was £655,504. This figure includes all patients who are not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

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