



15 November 2024

Our Ref: FOI 291

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Anonymised Data Concerning Charges made to
Overseas Visitors**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 22 October 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Unscheduled Care, Medicine & Cancer Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

FOI request for 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:

Q1. Nationality of patients charged during the stated time period?

A1. In regards to charges made to overseas visitors, the Trust is unable to provide the nationality of patients charged as the breakdown of nationality was not recorded for the specified timeframe. However, the Trust started to capture this data from the February 2024, therefore the requested breakdown of information is available from this date.

Q2. Ethnicity of patients charged during the stated time period?

A2. In regards to charges made to overseas visitors, the Trust do not record the ethnicity of patients, therefore are unable to provide the requested data.

Q3. Invoice amount for all patients subject to charges

A3. Please note that in regards to charges made to overseas visitors, the Trust cannot provide the data for non-urgent care only as it is not categorised by urgent and non-urgent care. However the Trust can confirm that the total amount of charges (for all treatment) from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2024 is £194,814.76.