

23/12/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1821

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

- 1. The total outstanding medical bills currently owed to the Trust by overseas visitors. Please provide subtotals for each hospital within the Trust.**

Luton - £4,502,563

Bedford - £858,961

- 2. The top three highest outstanding medical bills owed to the Trust by individual overseas visitors and the nationality of those visitors. (i.e. £495,000 owed by an individual from France)**

£54,651.28 Ghanaian

£47,929.96 Pakistani

£46,715.00 Albanian

- 3. Of the total amount owed to the Trust, please provide a breakdown of the nationalities of overseas visitors who currently have outstanding medical bills (i.e. visitors from USA: £200,000 / visitors from Japan: £130,000)**

Section 12 (Time & Cost) exemption applied – we do hold this information however in order to obtain this information we would need to access each individual debtor's record to obtain the nationality which will exceed the £450 limit (£25 per hour – 18 hours).

- 4. Please provide a breakdown of medical procedures that the outstanding medical bills relate to, for example £300,000 owed for Kidney disease treatments, for the Trust as a whole.**

Section 12 (Time & Cost) exemption applied – we do hold this information however in order to obtain this information we would need to access each individual debtor's record to obtain the treatment information which will exceed the £450 limit (£25 per hour – 18 hours).

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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