

23/06/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1419

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Please can you provide the following information regarding charging non-UK citizens for abortion services, as per The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

Please note there are three parts to my request.

1. Between 23 October 2017 and 31 May 2022, how many overseas visitors have been charged for accessing abortion healthcare at your Trust?
2. Between 23 October 2017 and 31 May 2022, what is the total sum raised by your Trust from payments from overseas visitors accessing abortion healthcare?
3. Between 23 October 2017 and 31 May 2022, how many non-EEA citizens who do not have indefinite leave to remain have been charged for accessing abortion healthcare at your Trust?

Nil for each question. We do not charge visitors for terminations of pregnancy.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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