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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 237

### **Response for Both Luton and Bedford Hospital Sites**

- 1) We do not have any such documents for Luton or Bedford Hospital's Overseas Team. The Luton team have got the MESH tool but are having difficulties with this and we are waiting for a support visit from NHSI once Covid restrictions allow this. The Bedford team have not approached NHSI as yet for access due the Luton team having difficulties. Once Luton is up and running properly we will look at getting Bedford started.**
- 2) Please find attached documents related to the adoption of the MESH tool by Luton.**
- 3) We receive a report daily at Luton and weekly at Bedford of patients who have registered in our A&E department without an NHS number. We use the criteria set out in the Department of Health's Guidance for the Charging of Overseas Visitors which includes assessing those patients without NHS numbers.**

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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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