

10/10/2022

Dear Requester,

**FOI 1685**

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. **Can you tell me whether the Trust carries out immigration checks using any service/method, such as:**

**-  Immigration Enforcement Checking and Advice Service (IECAS)**

**- The Status Verification and Enquiries Checking (SVEC) service;**

**-  A local immigration officer;**

**- Any other service/method;**

We use both IECAS and SVEC

1. **If any of the above or other services are used, please provide please provide the following:**

**How many status checks were made for each of the following years:
a) by Year
i. 2019,
ii. 2020,
iii. 2021,
iv. 2022 (as of 1st July)
b) by Nationality;**

**c) by Service (IECAS/SVEC/ local immigration officer/etc)**

We don’t keep a record of how many requests we make to these services each year.

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust