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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2st December 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding charges to overseas visitors.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 This request seeks information about decisions made under the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015 (the ‘2015 Regulations’), amended most recently by the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017. The Department of Health and Social Care has published national guidance on the implementation of the same entitled “Guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations” (May 2018).

Trust policies on charging overseas visitors for NHS services:

- 1. Please provide information as to whether the Trust has issued or adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance, published or unpublished, concerning the application of NHS Overseas Visitors Regulations 2015 (as amended) and/or the application of the national guidance from the DOHSC as described above.**
 - a. If so, please provide a copy of the same.**
 - b. If not, please confirm that no such policies, instructions or guidance are held.**

A1 Please refer to the attached policy: F11 overseas patient policy

Q2 Information specific to maternity services
Please provide information as to whether the Trust has issued or adopted any local policies, instructions or guidance to those providing maternity services within the Trust concerning the operation of Regulation 9 (f) (i) – (iv) of the NHS Overseas Visitors Charging Regulations, namely the exemption for “services provided for the treatment of a condition caused by (i) torture; (ii) female genital mutilation; (iii) domestic violence; or (iv) sexual violence, provided that the overseas visitor has not travelled to the United Kingdom for the purpose of seeking that treatment”.

- a. If so, please provide a copy of the same.
- b. If not, please confirm that no such policies, instructions or guidance are held.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 We further request a copy of any standard pro forma used at the a woman's first ante natal booking appointment with maternity services.

A3 Please see attached document.

Q4 Within maternity services provided by the Trust, for the years 2016 - 2017 (separately) what was the percentage of women attending their booking appointments at:

- a. 10 weeks gestational age and over (total)

And of those:

- b. 10 weeks +1 day – 12 weeks +6 days
- c. 13-20 weeks
- d. Over 20 weeks

A4 Please note that we are currently only able to provide gestation at booking for May 2017 onwards.

The information is not held for 2016.

	2017		2018		Total #	Total %
Row Labels	#	%	#	%		
<10	4870	91.87%	6794	90.57%	11664	91.11%
10+1-12+6	95	1.79%	150	2.00%	245	1.91%
13-20	109	2.06%	197	2.63%	306	2.39%
>20	189	3.57%	289	3.85%	478	3.73%
Unknown	38	0.72%	71	0.95%	109	0.85%
Grand Total	5301	100.00%	7501	100.00%	12802	100.00%

Q5 For the same period what percentage of the above women at 4 (a) - (d) were subject to charges for NHS maternity services?

A5 Please see below: note, this information is only held in total (not by gestational weeks) Information has been provided for the same time frame as Q4

	2017		2018	

Row Labels	#	%	#	%
Total	31	0.58%	38	0.51%

Q6 For the same period what percentage of the women at 4 (a) were deemed to be a 'high risk' pregnancy in accordance with NICE guidelines?

A6 We are unable to provide breakdown based on Mothers being charged as this information is not held relating to overseas patients. – Section 12 exemption as detailed above
Data provided is full list of all booked patients

UH Clinic Code	2016	2016%	2017	2017%	2018	2018%
Standard	3025	41.27%	3047	41.57%	3319	45.28%
Intermediate	3347	45.66%	3334	45.48%	3069	41.87%
Intensive	958	13.07%	909	12.40%	916	12.50%
Grand Total	7330		7290		7304	

Please note there will be a greater number of 'bookings' than pathway numbers, in part this is due to pathways being 'locked in' at 16w gestation, some ladies may leave the area or sadly suffer a miscarriage.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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