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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th March 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding overseas maternity care

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 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been invoiced for maternity care at the Trust?

(Please provide the information in accessible excel format, with the figures for each year ordered into individual horizontal rows)

A1 Please refer to the attached spread sheet

Q2 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women have been invoiced for maternity care at the Trust?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been notified to the Home Office during or after receiving maternity care at the Trust?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been referred to debt collection agencies in connection with maternity care at the Trust?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been checked by Experian or other credit-rating agencies in connection with maternity care at the Trust?

A5 As answer 1

Q6 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have failed to attend antenatal appointments to which they were invited?

A6 As answer 1

Q7 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" attending antenatal appointments have been sent letters warning they may become non-eligible for free NHS care? (As reported here for your reference)

A7 As answer 1

Q8 How has the Trust considered the following statement of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges: "As the coordinating body for the UK and Ireland's 24 medical Royal Colleges and Faculties, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges supports the suspension of the NHS charging regulations pending a full and independent review of the impact on both individual and public health?"

A8 The FOI Act 2000 is for the release of information that is held/recorded and does not cover the opinions of persons regarding suppliers, systems or procedures, therefore this information is not held.

Q9 How much does the Trust ordinarily charge each migrant woman ineligible for free NHS care who has received maternity care, which may include antenatal, delivery and postnatal care?

For your reference, the British Medical Journal has reported that migrants pay 150% of the costs of their care.

A9 As answer 1

Q10 In each of the last three years, broken down by year, how many women classed as "overseas visitors" have been charged in excess of the ordinary fees after experiencing complicated deliveries including stillbirth?

Please provide the information in accessible excel format, with the figures for each year ordered into individual horizontal rows

A10 As answer 1

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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.

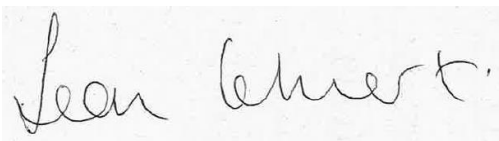
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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