

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

17-18184

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Subject

Overseas Visitor Management Teams at NHS Mental Health Trust

Details of enquiry

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on how you have instituted overseas patient charging and the costs of your overseas visitor management team at your trust, if you have one. Please can you tell me:

- 1) Whether you have an overseas visitor management team or a similar team? If NOT, who then is in charge of overseas patient charging in your trust in line with changes advised in the Department of Health's Draft guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations, 2017?
- 2) What is the cost of the current team for the preceding year, or if established only recently following the changes in 2017, its cost of set up and estimated costs for 2017/2018? (Note: this cost could include salaries, but also overheads including facilities and equipment used).
- 3) What, if any, charges have been levied to overseas patients in your trust by this team, and how much of this has been recouped?

Response Sent

1. Whether you have an overseas visitor management team or a similar team? If NOT, who then is in charge of overseas patient charging in your trust in line with changes advised in the Department of Health's Draft guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations, 2017?
[The Trust does not have an overseas visitor management team because we do not accept patients who are not entitled to free NHS care.](#)
[The Department of Health draft guidance on overseas visitor charging was discussed at Executive Management Team and was found not to apply to this Trust as we do not accept overseas visitors as patients and only treat patients who are entitled to free NHS care and are referred by their GP](#)
2. What is the cost of the current team for the preceding year, or if established only recently following the changes in 2017, its cost of set up and estimated costs for 2017/2018? (Note: this cost could include salaries, but also overheads including facilities and equipment used).
[Not applicable. See our responses to questions 1 and 2 above](#)
3. What, if any, charges have been levied to overseas patients in your trust by this team, and how much of this has been recouped?
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