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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0628

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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Good afternoon,

Hope all is well. I would like to request the following information under the freedom of information act.

1) 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?

Less than 6* in FY18/19.

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

Less than 6* in FY18/19.

3) 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? **Nil.**

4) 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? **Nil.**

5) 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? **Nil.**

6) 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?

2017 = Nil

2018 = Less than 6*

2019 = Less than 6*

***This relates to a low number. Under section 40ii of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 information that can potentially identify individual data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) cannot be shared. This includes statistically low information.**

7) 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) **Nil.**

8) 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."

The scope of the Freedom of Information deals only in recorded information and facts.

Opinions, plans, explanations and justifications are not within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act unless those opinions, plans, explanations and justifications have been recorded.

Confirming how the Trust gave consideration to a statement is not possible to answer within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

9) 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.

Pathway tariff plus any specific OSV uplifts – 150% etc

10) 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? **Nil.**

Please provide the information in accessible excel format, with the figures for each year ordered into individual horizontal rows. On receiving this email, please send a response acknowledging that you have received it and will respond within 20 working days, as stipulated by the Act. Please include a reference number for this current request.

Please note that a record of previous Trust FOI responses is now available to consult online by visiting:

<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

If you have queries or any concerns contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Wye Valley NHS Trust
Monkmoor Court
31-34 Commercial Road
Hereford

HR1 2DX

Email: freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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