

Date: **27 March 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5753**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request

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

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.

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?

Our Request

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust does not have a Maternity Department; nor can we respond to your request for information relating to the maternity care of adult (women) overseas visitors.

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions, issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Quality & Safety team
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