

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning overseas visitors.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1) What are the total costs incurred by overseas visitors who are not eligible for NHS care for the last three years for which figures are available?

It is not possible to provide this cost information.  
Overseas visitors are invoiced based on the NHS PbR tariff.  
Therefore the invoice value will be closely associated with the cost of delivery of any care provided to overseas patients.

See table below

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Net Invoice Raised</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Written Off</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
2011/12	<b>£337,572</b>	(£43,361)	-	<b>£294,211</b>
2012/13	<b>£470,108</b>	(£138,297)	-	<b>£331,810</b>
2013/14	<b>£374,134</b>	(£42,513)	-	<b>£331,622</b>

- 2) What is the cost of staffing and other overheads to pursue debts from overseas visitors for the last three years for which figures are available?

Not able to provide a specific figure for this as this isn't recorded as such.  
We have a team of 3 staff chasing all outstanding payments for the organisation.  
Given the size and number of overseas invoices the costs would be minimal.

- 3) How much of these costs/debts have been recovered for the last three years for which figures are available?

See above table

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4) How much of these costs/debts have been written off because your hospital was unable to get back money owed from overseas visitors for the last three years for which figures are available.

No invoices from these years have been written off.  
See above table

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk) , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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