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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2881

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding overseas visitor's treatments at Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. How many overseas visitors received treatment at the trust in the financial year 2015-16 who weren't eligible for free care?

In 2015/16 the Trust treated 177 overseas patients and zero private patients

2. How much has the trust so far (as of today's date) collected in payments from overseas visitors who weren't eligible for free care in 2015-16? How much is still owed?

The total collected and amount remaining is £96k and £425k respectively.

3. How many overseas visitors received treatment in any form of obstetrics or maternity care in 2015/16?

48 patients

4. How much has the trust so far collected in payments from overseas visitors receiving obstetrics or maternity care in 2015/16? How much is still owed?

The trust has received £51k and £92k remaining as of October 2016.

5. Did any overseas visitors receive IVF or any other fertility treatment in 2015/16?

No

6. If yes please provide as many details as possible including the nationality (if possible), the form of treatment and the price. Please also state if they paid the full amount for the cost.

N/A

7. Is the trust doing anything specific to better identify overseas visitors and ensure they are charged eg ID checks on specific wards, training for staff, employing debt collection agencies – please specify.

- Training has been given to staff by UK Border Agency as part of DOH initiative on identifying overseas patients
- The trust has implemented a pre attendance form for overseas patient
- Clinicians have been referring overseas patients to the overseas officer for billing purposes
- Together with Borders Agency there is improved control over visa renewal and/or patients returning to the UK if debt is unpaid.
- The A&E initiative now involves collating the EHIC card details of EU nationals treated at the hospital.

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Yours sincerely

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