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Subject: Treatment of Non-UK Nationals

REQUEST

1. Please provide the total number of patients treated with a non-British national code (i.e. not White British, Asian British or Black British etc.) for the last three financial years, or the last years for which you have statistics. Please also provide the total number of patients treated.
2. What is the total amount in charges you have issued for treatment given to non-UK nationals for the last three financial years, or the last three years for which you have statistics. What is the amount that you have successfully recovered over the same time period?
3. For both questions I would like the figures for each year, not one figure covering all three years.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

We do not record national code, as both British and non-UK nationals can be chargeable. Therefore, to provide this information would require a manual review of records over the requested time period, which we estimate would far exceed the appropriate limit.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.

- 2. What is the total amount in charges you have issued for treatment given to non-UK nationals for the last three financial years, or the last three years for which you have statistics. What is the amount that you have successfully recovered over the same time period?**

Please see response to question 1.