

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 663

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 07/03/2019.

I am pleased to provide you with the following information:

In your financial accounts for the financial year 2017/18 did you have a section for "losses and special payments?"

Yes

1. If so how much money was accounted for in the 2017/2018 financial year as being "losses and special payments"? (Please note I am aware that the loss may have occurred many years earlier but I am interested in items which were accounted for in the last financial year, irrespective of when the loss took place.)

The information you have requested is largely available publicly through other means at: <https://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/About/Policies-Reports-and-strategies/Annual-Reports/Annual-Reports.aspx>

2. Please detail the three largest single amounts within this total, giving a cost for each loss and a detailed description of the claim and the reason for the loss.

Claimant Damages (Payment of Excess under Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme (LTPS) Scheme administered by NHS Resolution) - £10,000.00

Claimant Damages/Costs (Payment of Excess under Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme (LTPS) Scheme administered by NHS Resolution) - £10,000.00

COT3 Agreement (Payment of University Tuition Fees) relating to employment case - £6,900.00

3. What was the biggest loss written off in 2017/18 (regardless of when the debt was accumulated) that related to an unpaid patient bill? Please state the total amount of this written off debt, the nationality of the patient and the department of the hospital where the majority of the bill was incurred.

The largest single value written off relating to unpaid patient invoice was £15,578.21. The financial loss to the Trust was £574.50, with the remaining balance covered by arrangement with the Clinical Commissioning Group.

We are unable to disclose personal information relating to patient nationality and department of treatment. Personal information of third parties is exempt from disclosure under Part II (Section 40 (2) - Personal Information) of the Act. Access to personal information is governed by different legislation, the Data Protection Act 1998.