



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 315

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 14/09/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You requested:

I am seeking information to ascertain how many foreign nationals are being treated in NHS hospitals.

This includes Uninsured / Private Patients / Insured with no cover for repatriation (treated under reciprocal agreement).

- 1. How many non-insured foreign nationals that have been unable to cover their healthcare costs have you cared for in the last two years, and from what countries?*
- 2. On average how many days have they been admitted for?*

If you do not hold the information I requested then if you can send the outstanding money owed that would help.

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

1. I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information in the format requested. We do not know if someone is insured as we do not deal direct with insurance companies. As nationality is not the criterion for free NHS care; residency is, the figures below may include UK nationals who are not resident in the UK, but not foreign nationals who are resident.

Please see below outstanding debts for Overseas Visitors:

Outstanding debts for Overseas Visitors - Year ending 31.03.2015 - £335,320.57

Outstanding debts for Overseas Visitors - Year ending 31.03.2016 - £250,773.99

2. I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested as the information on overseas visitors is extracted from invoices. Some invoices are produced based on information on the care required, e.g., a patient may be invoiced for maternity care that is yet to be provided, therefore the length of stay would be difficult to determine.