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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Elective surgery costs

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response			Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Please could you state how many patients were treated by your Trust in the last financial year (23/24) who were patients that should have paid for their treatment because they were not entitled to free NHS hospital care?	35					
2. How many of these patients who should have paid for their treatment had (i) elective treatment and (ii) non-elective treatment?	We do not record / capture this information.					
3. Of those patients who were billed for treatment how many were (i) for elective treatment and the bill is still wholly or partly outstanding and what is their cumulative value (the unpaid balance) in total and (ii) how many were for non-elective treatment and the bill is still wholly or partly outstanding what is their cumulative value (the unpaid balance) in total?	Our records do not differentiate between urgent an elective care. However, under DHSC regulations, we are not obliged to offer overseas patients elective procedures. Should someone contact us regarding elective care we would charge them upfront prior to the procedure happening.					
4. Please provide a nationality breakdown of the patients who have unpaid bills against them for treatment in 23/24 showing the number of patients from each country.	Country	Patients				
	Romania	10				
	St Kitts/Nevis	1				
	Bangladesh	1				

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	Spain	1			
	Portugal	1			
	Iraq	1			
	China	1			
	Taiwan	1			
	Phillipines	1			
	Zimbabwe	1			
	Not Recorded	1			
5. Please state the amount of the largest unpaid bill for a chargeable patient for (i) elective and (ii) non-elective treatment in the last financial year (2023/24), giving the amount that is due, the speciality or specialities involved in treating those patients, and the patients country of residence.	Elective Treatment please see Q3 Non elective – £6076.00				

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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