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This request seeks information about decisions made under the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015 (the '2015 Regulations'), amended most recently by the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2017. The Department of Health and Social Care has published national guidance on the implementation of the same entitled "Guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations" (May 2018).

Exemptions from charging for overseas visitors

1. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals who were deemed exempt from charges for NHS services (including those who were deemed exempt at a later point pursuant to Regulation 6A of the 2015 Regulations) provided pursuant to:
 - a. Regulation 9 (f) of the 2015 Regulations in total
 - b. Regulation 9 (f) (i) (torture)
 - c. Regulation 9 (f) (ii) (female genital mutilation)
 - d. Regulation 9 (f) (iii) (domestic violence)
 - e. Regulation 9 (f) (iv) (sexual violence)

The Trust holds no records of exemptions, discounts or refunds applied to Overseas patient charges in respect of Sections 6, 9, 10, 15 and 16 of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2015.

2. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt from charges pursuant to:
 - a. Regulation 10 (2) of the 2015 Regulations in total
 - b. Regulation 10 (2) (a) (IHS paid)
 - c. Regulation 10 (2) (b) (an exemption from the IHS applies)
 - d. Regulation 10 (2) (c) (a reduction or waiver from the IHS applies)
 - e. Regulation 10 (2) (d) (a partial refund of the IHS has been made)

Please refer to our response to Question 1.

3. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt from charges pursuant to 10 (2) of the 2015 Regulations for whom the relevant period is:

- a. As defined under Regulation 10 (1) (a) (the period of leave granted)**
- b. As defined under Regulation 10 (1) (b) (extension of leave provisions)**

Please refer to our response to Question 1.

4. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt (including those who were deemed exempt at a later point pursuant to Regulation 6 of the 2015 Regulations) from charges pursuant to:

- a. Regulation 15 of the 2015 Regulations in total**
- b. Regulation 15 (a) and (aa) (those granted asylum and humanitarian protection and their dependents)**
- c. Regulation 15 (b) and (ba) (those who have applied for asylum or humanitarian protection and their dependents)**
- d. Regulation 15 (c) (those supported under s.95 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)**
- e. Regulation 15 (d) (i) (those supported under s.4 (2) Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)**
- f. Regulation 15 (d) (iii) (those supported under Part 1 of the Care Act)**
- g. Regulation 15 (e) (a child looked after by the local authority)**

Please refer to our response to Question 1.

5. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of individuals deemed exempt from charges pursuant to Regulation 16 (1) of the 2015 Regulations in total (please include those who were deemed exempt at a later point pursuant to Regulation 6).

Please refer to our response to Question 1.

NHS Debts for charges for overseas visitors

- 6. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) the number of invoices for NHS debts for overseas visitors' charges which have been written off for accounting purposes.**
- 7. For the years 2016 and 2017 (separately) what was the total sum of the debt for overseas visitors' charges that was written off for accounting purposes for each year within the Trust (at the rate charged to the Trust, that is, 75%)?**

8. Of the debts written off for accounting purposes at question 6 above, what was the average debt?

Financial Year	No of invoices written off	Amount written off	Average Debt written off
2015/16	6	£8,907.78	£1,484.63
2016/17	5	£10,926.17	£2,185.23
2017/18	1	£41.71	£41.71

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