**FOI Ref: 6191**

**Category(ies): Trust – Financial**

**Subject: Charges to Overseas Visitors and Migrants**

**Date Received: 19/01/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| Overseas visitors to England, including anyone living in the UK without permission, will not be charged for:* testing for COVID-19 (even if the test shows they do not have COVID-19
* treatment for COVID-19, including for a related problem called multisystem inflammatory syndrome that affects some children
* vaccination against COVID-19

No immigration checks are needed for overseas visitors if they are only tested, treated or vaccinated for COVID-19. |
| 1. Between Feb 2020 and December 2021, did your Trust treat any overseas visitors or migrants (e.g. those usually subject to cost recovery provisions)?

 If YES:(a) How many of these were treated for COVID-19? (b) How many of these patients did your Trust exempted for charges related to their treatment under the "Guidance on implementing the overseas visitor charging regulations (amended Feb 2020)"?(c) If available, please provide nationalities (individual or coded by continent), ages and gender of these patients. If NO:(d) Prior to Feb 2020, did your Trust treat any overseas visitors or migrants and recover costs? If so, can you provide the cost recovery information for the preceding 5 years. | YesOneOne< 5\* **- The Trust considers that information you have requested would in some instances where very low volumes exist, clearly identify an individual and constitutes sensitive personal information. It is therefore exempt under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act and will not be released as this will likely contravene the 1st (used fairly, lawfully and transparently) data protection principle.  Also, Data Protection Act Principle 1 states that when processing sensitive personal information, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is met. The section 40 exemption is an absolute exemption and as such no public interest test should be applied.**N/A |
| 1. What, if any, training has been given in your trust to those engaged in cost recovery about the application of new provision around COVID-19 and the implementation of the amendments to the guidance on charging?
* If this training or information is available in textual formats (e.g. PDF/JPG/PPT or the like), please can you attach it to your response.
 | Training and Updates have been received via the national OVM Forum managed by DHCS.N/A |