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Subject:	Asylum seekers' debt
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Requested:

1. How many refused asylum seekers hold NHS debt in your trust?
2. How many female refused asylum seekers hold NHS debt in your trust?
3. How many female refused asylum seekers hold NHS debt due to accessing maternity care on the NHS in your trust?
4. What is the total amount of NHS debt refused asylum seekers hold in GBP in your trust?
5. What is the total amount of NHS debt female refused asylum seekers hold in GBP in your trust?
6. What is the total amount of NHS debt female refused asylum seekers hold due to accessing maternity care on the NHS in GBP in your trust?

If possible, can you also provide historic information and break each data set down per year from 2010/11 to present.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that as per the Welsh Government (WG) Welsh Health Circular dated WHC/2021/026, asylum seekers in Wales are exempt from charges. Therefore, the response to your request for questions 1 to 3 is none, and for questions 4 to 6 is zero.

The WG Welsh Health Circular can be accessed via the link provided below:

[overseas-visitors-eligibility-to-receive-free-primary-care.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#)