

Reference:	FOI.2085.19
Subject:	Overseas patients
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Requested:

1. Can you provide the amount owed to the health board by overseas patients not entitled to free treatment here in the UK.
2. If available, please can you provide the amount owed for each year, from 2015 to the current date.
3. If available, please can you also provide details on the country of origin of those who owe money and the amount owed please?
4. Can you provide details on how much debt owed by those from overseas has been written off by the health board for each year, and any recorded reasons why this could not be recovered.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms the amount owed to the UHB by overseas patients not entitled to free treatment in the United Kingdom (UK) is £117,211.00.
2. Within the table below the UHB provides a breakdown of the amount owed by overseas patients not entitled to free treatment in the UK for the requested periods to date:

Financial year	Amount
2015/16	£28,851.00
2016/17	£21,601.00
2017/18	£16,811.00
2018/19	£9,007.00
2019/20 (to date)	£40,947.00

3. Within the table below the UHB provides the country of origin and the amount owed to the UHB:

County of origin	Total
Africa	£870.00
United States America	£24,879.00
United Kingdom	£1,046.00
Canada	£9,216.00
Chili	£1,536.00
Netherlands	£5,304.00
France	£2,351.00
Germany	£27,304.54
India	£4,630.98
Kuwait	£676.00
Latvia	£5,744.00
Nigeria	£8,258.18
Poland	£667.00
South Africa	£7,506.00

Spain	£3,498.00
Thailand	£1,606.51
Turkey	£5,744.00
Ukraine	£2,364.00
Unknown	£4,016.00

4. Within the table below, the UHB provides the amounts and reasons for debts written off for treatments received by overseas visitors for the requested periods to date:

Financial year	Amount	Reason
2015/16	£36,923.21	Debt collection agency unable to recover
2016/17	£6,519.18	Debt collection agency unable to recover
2017/18	£4,243.00	Debt collection agency unable to recover
2018/19	£21,689	Debt collection agency unable to recover
2019/20	£0.00	