

Reference:	FOI.1965.19
Subject:	Overseas visitors
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Requested:

I would be grateful if you could please provide responses to the following questions regarding NHS treatment of overseas visitors for the period from the beginning of the 2014 financial year to the end of the 2017 financial year.

Please provide the below figures for each question for each financial year from 2014-2018 individually, example provided in question 1 for clarity.

1. How many patients treated in each financial year does the Health Board estimate may be overseas visitors?
 - a. Figure for 2014-2015 financial year
 - b. Figure for 2015-2016 financial year
 - c. Figure for 2016-2017 financial year
 - d. Figure for 2017-2018 financial year
2. Of the overseas visitors estimated, what proportion are estimated to be chargeable i.e not-exempt from charging for healthcare under current overseas visitors charging guidelines?
3. What data/methodology is being used to provide this estimate for the Health Board, or where can it be found?
4. How many patients did the Health Board positively identify as overseas visitors?
5. What was the total cost of care of identified overseas visitors?
6. How many identified overseas visitors were not exempt from charges?
7. What is the total cost of care provided for identified non-exempt overseas visitors?
8. How much of the total cost of care provided for identified non-exempt overseas visitors has been collected?
9. How much uncollected debt has been written off from the total cost of care provided for identified non-exempt overseas visitors?
10. Which medical department currently has the highest financial cost of providing care to overseas visitors?
11. Which medical department has the highest number of overseas visitors requiring care?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) only holds information on the number of patients identified as non-exempt overseas visitors and is therefore unable to answer this part of your request.

2. The UHB only holds information on the number of patients identified as non-exempt overseas visitors and is therefore unable to answer this part of your request.
3. Not applicable.
4. The UHB only holds information on the number of patients identified as non-exempt overseas visitors and is therefore unable to answer this part of your request.
5. The UHB only holds information on the number of patients identified as non-exempt overseas visitors and is therefore unable to answer this part of your request.
6. Within the table below, the UHB has provided the number of overseas visitors not exempt from charges for the requested periods:

Financial year	Total
2014/15	54
2015/16	133
2016/17	92
2017/18	83

7. Within the table below, the UHB has provided, the total costs of care provided for identified non-exempt overseas visitors for the requested periods:

Financial year	Total
2014/15	£64,001
2015/16	£223,698
2016/17	£158,408
2017/18	£330,368

8. Within the table below, the UHB has provided the total costs collected for care provided to identified non-exempt overseas visitors for the requested periods:

Financial year	Total
2014/15	£56,145
2015/16	£186,775
2016/17	£151,889
2017/18	£318,133

9. Within the table below, the UHB provided, the total costs written off for un-collected costs for care provided to identified non-exempt overseas visitors for the requested periods:

Financial year	Total
2014/15	£7,856
2015/16	£36,923
2016/17	£6,519
2017/18	£0

10. The UHB confirms the General Medicine department currently has the highest financial cost of providing care to overseas visitors.

11. The UHB confirms the General Medicine and Orthopaedics department has the highest number of overseas visitors requiring care.