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Subject:	Overseas visitors
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Requested:

It would be very helpful if you could provide any information held by your health board regarding:

1. The total number of chargeable overseas visitors (patients who are not ordinarily resident in the UK) who received NHS treatment in Wales from 2024 onwards
2. The total amount charged to overseas visitors for NHS treatment or services
3. The total amount recovered or collected from overseas visitors
4. The cost of treating overseas visitors
5. Any available breakdown on the origins of these visitors, by country or type of care
6. What is the distinction between chargeable and non-chargeable overseas visitors

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table overleaf, the number of overseas visitors that received NHS treatment, during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years and the period 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Financial year	Number
2024/25	15
2025/26	36
1 April to 30 June 2026	60
Total	111

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the costs charged to overseas visitors for NHS treatment or services, during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years and the period 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Financial year	Cost
2024/25	£24,079.00
2025/26	£58,571.00
1 April to 30 June 2026	£232,633.19
Total	£315,283.19

3. The UHB provides within the table overleaf, the costs recovered from overseas visitors for NHS treatment or services, during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years and the period 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Financial year	Cost
2024/25	£18,733.00
2025/26	£35,875.00
1 April to 30 June 2026	£56,831.84
Total	£111,439.84

4. Please see response to question 2.

5. The UHB is unable to provide you with all the nationalities of overseas patients, due to the low number of cases (fewer than 2), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

The UHB provides within the table overleaf, the recorded nationalities of the overseas visitors that received NHS treatment or services, during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years and the period 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Nationality			
American/USA	Chinese	Indian	Romanian
Austrian	Filipino	Nigerian	Russian
Brazilian	French	Pakistani	South African
Canadian	German	Polish	

Additionally, the UHB provides within the table below, the type of care the overseas visitors received, during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years and the period 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Specialty			
Breast	Gynaecology	Midwifery/Obstetrics	Orthopaedics/Physio
Critical Care Unit	Haematology	Nephrology	Paediatrics
General Medicine	Maternity	Ophthalmology	Podiatry
General Surgery	Mental Health	Orthopaedics	Urology

1. The UHB adheres to the Welsh Government's guidance 'NHS Wales Implementing the Overseas Visitors Hospital Charging Regulations'. A link to the regulations is provided below.

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