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Subject: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement Checking and Advisory Service (IECAS)

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Q1 Whether the Trust has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Home Office regarding the Immigration Enforcement Checking and Advisory Service (IECAS) helpline. If so, please provide a copy of that MoU

A1 No

Q2 For each financial year since 2017/18 and including 2019/20, the number of patients whose information and/or data was shared with the Home Office without the patient's knowledge or permission, and the basis for this information sharing. Please state the categories of information that were disclosed (e.g. country of origin)

A2 One - checking asylum status

- Name
- Address
- DOB
- Nationality

Q3 Staff training slides (or Word documents, pdfs) used in any training/guidance sessions, related to patient charging, delivered by Overseas Visitor Managers to Trust staff since July 2017.

A3 Information not held - training is the online material provided by Health Education England

Q4 Copies of the training material used to train Overseas Visitor Managers in relation to identifying patients ineligible for free NHS care

A4 Information not held – as above

Q5 Any checklist, guidance, policies or procedures currently used by Overseas Visitor Managers to identify patients who may be ineligible for free NHS care under the overseas patient charging rules

A5 See attached documents:

- [150304_Ordinary_Residence_Tool_FINAL\[1\]](#)
- [EHIC_incentive_scheme](#)
- [Establishing Entitlement to NHS Treatment Form](#)
- [Guidance_on_implementing_the_overseas_visitor_charging_regulations_-_May_2018](#)
- [Guidance_to_Charging_Regulations_post_21_August_final__Master_version__](#)
- [Guide_to_completing_the_NHS_debtors_spreadsheet](#)

- [Guide_to_S1_form](#)
- [Guide_to_S2_form](#)
- [How the NHS charges overseas visitors for NHS hospital care - GOV.UK](#)
- [improving-systems-guidance-chargeable-overseas-visitor](#)
- [Overseas guidance Oct 2017](#)
- [Upfront_charging_operational_framework](#)
- [Useful_contacts_for_NHS_overseas_visitor_managers](#)

Q6 Does the Trust record the ethnicity or nationality of patients who are asked to provide evidence/proof of their eligibility for free NHS care? If so, please provide this data for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (year to date)

A6 Yes

Q7 Please list the circumstances under which, under current Trust/DHSC policy, the Trust shares the home address of past or current patients with the Home Office

A7 As per DHSC policy, when checking asylum status, as per above.

Q8 Have any Trust staff faced disciplinary procedures for not cooperating with the identification or charging of patients ineligible for free NHS care since October 2017?

A8 No