

Pregnancy / Treatment Costs

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

- 1) What is the number of asylum seeking and/or undocumented migrant women who had a miscarriage while in the care of your trust in the latest one-year period you have data for?

The Trust has considered your request. However, to provide you with the information requested under you questions 1 would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from checking hundreds of sets of notes.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days This would entail Trust staff:-

- **Determining whether the information is held.**
- **Locating the information, or a document containing it.**
- **Retrieving the information, or a document containing it.**
- **Extracting the information from a document containing it.**

To carry out the above. would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

- 2) What is the overall number of women who had a miscarriage while in care of your trust during the same period?

442 in 2021 – please note this may not include all miscarriages that occur before the women has formally booked for antenatal care.

- 3) What is the total number of pregnant women you cared for during the same period?.

4503 women booked for antenatal care or arrived in labour in 2021

- 4) What is the number of asylum seeking and/or undocumented migrant women who had a stillbirth while in the care of your trust in the latest one-year period you have data available for?

0 in 2021

- 5) What is the overall number of women who had a stillbirth while in care of your trust during the same period?

13 in 2021

- 6) What is the total number of pregnant women you cared for during the same period?

Please see response to question 3.

Also:

- 7) Are you using private debt firms to recover treatment costs from overseas patients ineligible for free NHS treatment? **Yes.**

- 8) In the latest year you have data available for, how much money did you recover from ineligible patients, and how much was the total debt?
For financial year 2021/22, we recovered £253.5k from overseas patients. During the same year we raised £422.6k of invoices and had £392.3k in overseas debt outstanding at the end of the financial year.

- 9) In the latest year you have data available for, how much money did you spend on fees for private debt firms to help recover payment from patients' ineligible for free NHS treatment?
During financial year 2021/22 we spent £18.3k on debt recovery agents, for a range of debts including overseas patients. The Trust is unable to identify the proportion of this that related to overseas debtors as this information is not recorded information held by the Trust.