

FOI REQUEST NUMBER: 0161

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) completed a merger by acquisition of Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust (HEFT) on 1st April 2018. Due to historical differences in data collection/reporting across UHB and the former Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust this response has been provided by hospital site.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

1. Do you receive private patients from outside the UK? What percentage of total patients does this cover? From which region(s) of the world?

Based on the billing data contained in the Finance department, the Trust has seen 23 overseas private patients in the last three years (2016-2017-2018). These patients were from;

Egypt	4
India	1
Ireland	9
Ghana	1
Germany	1
Dubai	1
Italy	1
Nigeria	2
Qatar	1
Pakistan	1
Romania	1
Grand Total	23

There could be occasions whereby overseas patients take a UK address whilst they undergo private patient treatments.

In income terms, overseas private patients' income represented £34,000 over the period. This represents a tiny fraction % the Trust total income or healthcare income;

- £4.290 million Private Patients (UK and overseas)
- £713.596 million Healthcare Income (Private Patients = 0.60%)
- £857.954 million Total Revenue / Income (Private Patients = 0.50%)

Source: 2017/18 audited annual accounts

In patient terms, the Trust treats over 1 million patients per year, so the overseas private patient numbers represents a tiny fraction of total patients seen.

- 2. Does your trust engage in foreign direct investment abroad (practitioners/the trust engaging in overseas ventures, joint ventures, setting up subsidiaries of the NHS abroad...). If so roughly what percentage of your total time/work force is engaged in this activity? In which regions of the world?**

The Trust has one overseas joint venture undertaking a limited amount of project work in the Guangzhou region of China. This involves 1-2 staff taking occasional trips overseas out of the Trust workforce of over 9,000 staff.

- 3. If you answered yes to questions 1 or 2, in which area(s) of health care do you provide private services?**

Radiology/ Imaging (PET, Nuclear medicine, MRI,) Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery, Renal Medicine, Gastro Intestinal Surgery, Endoscopy, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Oncology, Cyberknife, Tomotherapy, ENT and Max-Fax, Ophthalmology, Physiotherapy.

- 4. If you answered yes to questions 1 or 2, have you seen a decline or increase in private activity over the last 5 years? Do you expect to increase private provision of health care in the future?**

The value of overseas private patient activity is tiny in terms of the Trusts total income or patient treatments.

There is no expectation of an increase in overseas private patient income in future years. However, however, the Trust is in discussions with a private healthcare provider to build a shared (NHS / private) healthcare facility on its Edgbaston site (details below) but there is no expectation of a sudden increase in overseas private patients.

<https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/midlands/plans-for-65m-birmingham-hospital-set-for-green-light>

- 5. What measures are taken to ensure that core NHS health services free at the point of use are protected despite these private activities?**

The private activities listed above represent a tiny fraction of the Trusts activities which will continue to be based in the UK providing core NHS services. All private appointment must be booked for a different time to NHS treatment, such as before or after NHS clinics or theatre sessions.

Heartlands Good Hope and Solihull Hospitals

- 1. Do you receive private patients from outside the UK? What percentage of total patients does this cover? From which region(s) of the world?**

Only 1 patient was seen as a Private Patient with a non UK address and was from Asia. This income was 0.00007% of total HEFT income in 2017/18.

- 2. Does your trust engage in foreign direct investment abroad (practitioners/the trust engaging in overseas ventures, joint ventures, setting up subsidiaries of the NHS abroad...). If so roughly what percentage of your total time/work force is engaged in this activity? In which regions of the world?**

No

- 3. If you answered yes to questions 1 or 2, in which area(s) of health care do you provide private services?**

Radiology, Respiratory Medicine, GI Physiology, Respiratory Physiology, Endoscopy, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Maternity, Cardiology, Oncology (top up drugs) Physiotherapy.

- 4. If you answered yes to questions 1 or 2, have you seen a decline or increase in private activity over the last 5 years? Do you expect to increase private provision of health care in the future?**

There has been a negligible change in the percentage of total private patient income as a percentage of total trust income at Heart of England Foundation Trust over the 5 years to 31 March 2018. For future provisions please see above.

- 5. What measures are taken to ensure that core NHS health services free at the point of use are protected despite these private activities?**

All private appointment must be booked for a different time to NHS treatment, such as before or after NHS clinics or theatre sessions.