

Freedom of Information Request: 0393 2019/20

We are undertaking a UK-wide audit on the cost of burn care in the UK. To that end, we would be most grateful if you could supply us with the following information in electronic format:

1. **What is your policy regarding charging patients for NHS treatment if they are found to be ineligible for free healthcare?** UHB: We follow the DOH Overseas Charging Regulations/Guidelines
2. **What test do you use to ascertain whether someone is ordinarily resident in the UK and thus eligible for free treatment?** UHB: We follow the DOH Overseas Charging Regulations/Guidelines
3. **Which department is responsible for investigating whether a patient is entitled to free NHS treatment and does this department have any private affiliations?**
QE: Overseas Visitors Department - No private affiliations HGS: The Private & Overseas Team – No private affiliations
4. **Specifically regarding patients who present with burn injuries, we would be most grateful if you could provide us with a table, showing:**
Please note that Heartlands, Good Hope and Solihull Hospitals do not have a Burns Centre/Unit/Facility, the below applies to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham only:

- a. **How many patients with burns have been admitted in your burns centre/ unit/ facility since 01/01/2015?**

1,469

- b. **How many of these patients were tested for ordinary residence since 01/01/2015 and how many of those tested were found not to be eligible for free NHS treatment? Please could you provide dates of each patient's episode.**

4 patients were found to be ineligible for free NHS treatment

Admitted	Discharged
11/01/2016	13/01/2016
09/02/2017	22/02/2017
01/05/2017	04/05/2017
23/10/2017	24/10/2017

- c. **How many of the ineligible patients were adults and how many were children?**

3 adults, 1 child

- d. **How much was each ineligible patient charged and how many of these charges have you recovered?**

Admitted	Discharged	
11/01/2016	13/01/2016	£4637.36 outstanding

09/02/2017 22/02/2017 £11727.35 outstanding

01/05/2017 04/05/2017 £3003.36 outstanding

23/10/2017 24/10/2017 £4894.90 paid

- e. **How do you calculate costs for ineligible patients, i.e. what formula do you use? Is this a different formula to that used when calculating costs for patients entitled to free healthcare?** We use the NHS tariff and DOH guidelines