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Detail of request:

1. What is the total in unpaid bills owed to your hospital Trust for both the 2005/06 and 2006/07 financial years from foreign nationality patients?
2. What proportion of this total figure relates to maternity/obstetrics care?
3. In this total figure, what is the single, biggest outstanding bill, and please give a brief description of the care that it relates to and the nationality of the patient.

Detail of response:

1. Total for 2005/06 - £468,279.30
Total for 2006/07 - £641,920.87
2. 2005/06 £87,177.00
2006/07 £160,019.29
3. As at 31st March 2007, this was £109,518.58, for General Medicine care

While as per your question, the above individual is identified as an overseas patient, we decline to disclose their nationality. The nationality of a patient is personal data and therefore, having considered Section 40 personal data and the Data Protection Act 1998 principles, it is not considered fair and lawful to disclose this data.

Additional Information:

Details of complaints procedure and Section 50 decision notice provided.