

**2017-201 Freedom of Information - foreign nationals**

1 Prior to April 2017, did the Trust have policy the requesting of identification of foreign nationals prior to providing care?	Yes
2 In the 12 months to April 2017, did employees or others providing Trust services check any patients' passports before giving them care?	Yes
If so:	
2a Which services?	All services
2b How many patients were asked for identification in the 12 months to April 2017	343
2c How many were asked to provide passports	343
2d How many those asked to provide identification did not go on to seek care?	4
3 What preparations did you make for the new up-front charges for non-emergency care from April 2017?  To clarify these are the changes outlined in <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/overseas-visitors-and-migrants-extending-charges-for-nhs-services">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/overseas-visitors-and-migrants-extending-charges-for-nhs-services</a>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/590027/Cons_Response_cost_recovery.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/590027/Cons_Response_cost_recovery.pdf</a>	Not applicable as not yet implemented, however - Overseas Charging Regulations regarding up-front charges for non-emergency have been in place prior to the changes of April 2017, overseas visitors patients are identified before treatment commences and payment is requested up-front where possible.
4 What projections or estimates have been made of:	
4a The cost of implementation?	Not applicable - New changes not yet in place.
4b The revenue it will bring in?	Not applicable - New changes not yet in place.

4c The potential to deter people from seeking care and consequences on their health and public health?	Not applicable - New changes not yet in place.
4d Compliance with equality and discrimination rules?	As per Trust Policies and Procedures.
5 How do you collect charges for overseas patients after care?	Invoices are issued to patients upon discharge and payments actively chased.
Do you have figures and are they available for the cost of doing this?	The cost for this process is not available.
The revenue it brought in?	See Annual Accounts. Not yet published. <a href="http://www.boltonft.nhs.uk/about-us/trust-publications-and-declarations/annual-report/">http://www.boltonft.nhs.uk/about-us/trust-publications-and-declarations/annual-report/</a>
The number of people contacted and the number who paid in the 12 months to April 2016?	Contacted - 59 Paid - 29