

2018-271 - FOI request - Policies & MOUs NHS charging of overseas visitors

<p>1. The disclosure of a Home Office document has revealed that at least 16 NHS trusts have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Home Office in order to prevent 'upfront access to healthcare to which illegal migrants are not entitled'.</p> <p>a. Has your NHS trust entered into such an MoU?</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of the MoU if so.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>2. The same document reveals that at least 20 NHS trusts have been visited by Home Office Local Partnership managers to establish 'robust immigration status checking systems'.</p> <p>a. Has your NHS trust had such a visit?</p> <p>b. Please provide details of any such visit or visits including, but not limited to:</p> <p>I. Agendas of any meetings with Home Office Local Partnership managers;</p> <p>II. Minutes of any such meetings, if available;</p> <p>III. Documents/information packs/brochures/training materials/guidance relating to the visit or visits or created as a result of engagement with Home Office Local Partnership managers.</p> <p>c. Please provide documents/guidance/procedur</p>	<p>There was a meeting with a representative of the Cost Recovery Team attended by the Director of Finance and the Trust's Local Anti-Fraud Specialist back in 2015.</p>

<p>es as to the immigration status checking system that you have in place.</p>	
<p>3. Please also provide documents or information as to efforts that have been made to discharge the Trust's public sector equality duty in implementing the regulations. These would usually include, but are not limited to:</p>	<p>Information regarding efforts made to discharge the Trust's public sector equality duty in implementing the regulations are as follows:</p>
<p>a. Equality impact assessments;</p>	<p>The Trust Equality and Diversity Policy.</p>
<p>b. Delivery of training to staff on implementation and avoiding discrimination;</p>	<p>Delivery of Training sessions/presentations at the hospital as well as in our clinics within the community.</p>
<p>c. Written policies and guidance on implementation of the charging regime;</p>	<p>Overseas Visitor Policy and Procedures in conjunction with the department of health implementing of overseas visitor charging regulations.</p>
<p>d. Systems to monitor the impact of the charging regime on your service users, particularly those belonging to BME groups, foreign nationals, or those with other protected characteristics and any findings from such monitoring.</p>	<p>We do not have systems in place to monitor the impact of the charging regime on your service users, particularly those belonging to BME groups, foreign nationals, or those with other protected characteristics, the Trust has an Equality and Diversity Policy which we abide by.</p>