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I am responding to your request for information received 16 August 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Request:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Question 1(a) In relation to 2020/21 how many Overseas Patients Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare were treated in the maternity department of your Trust?

Question (b) How many of these patients (Overseas Patients Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare who were treated in the maternity department of your Trust during 2020/21) have received an invoice from the Trust for the value of the care they received?

Question (c) If the answer to (a) is greater than the answer to (b) could you please state why not all these patients were sent an invoice for their care?

Question (d) In relation to the patients who received a bill, what is the total value of all those invoices?

Question (e) How many of the invoices sent to patients in (b) have not been paid and what is the total value of these as yet unpaid bills?

Question (f) In relation to these unpaid bills what is the single biggest outstanding amount?

Question (g) What is the total amount of invoices for care of any description at your hospital that were written off in the 2020/21 financial year, but which were incurred at any time in the past?

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health and community health trust and does not have maternity services and therefore does not hold the information requested. The Trust does have perinatal mental health services. If you require the information for these services, please do let us know.