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The information in our response is based on activity since 2005 as data prior to this period is no longer available.

*1. How much money in total is owed (ie outstanding/yet to be paid) by foreign patients for treatment at your hospital since 2000?*

The total amount billed to foreign patient since 2005 is £427,059

*2. How much of that debt are you chasing payment for, and how much of it have you written off since 2000?*

The total amount currently outstanding since 2005 is £115,949 and the total amount written off since 2005 is £185,754

*3. Whether it's possible to ask for a breakdown of countries owing money?*

We do not hold this information in one place and the time it would take to look through paper records to ascertain which country the patient came from would exceed 18 hours.

Having regard the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Act (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007, and to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, where the associated cost of locating, retrieving, and extracting the requested information is estimated to exceed the upper fee limit of £450 set for NHS Trusts (which represents the cost of one person spending 18 hours at a rate of £25 per hour), we are sorry but we are unable to respond to this question.

*4. Whether any of the money is owed by embassies?*

There is no money owed by embassies.