

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_411_19

You asked:

- 1. Please can you tell me the amount owed to the Cwm Taf health board by overseas patients not entitled to free treatment here in the UK?**

The amount owed at present is £68,920.28.

- 2. If available, please can you provide the amount owed for each year, from 2015 to the current date?**

Year	Amount
14-15	2112.00
15-16	0.00
16-17	7797.32
17-18	1086.39
18-19	10211.47
19-20	47713.10
	68,920.28

Please note that the information provided by our Finance Department is held electronically by financial year.

- 3. If available, please can you also provide details on the country of origin of those who owe money and the amount owed please?**

I can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific detailed information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm the countries of the overseas patients invoiced during the time period requested:

- America
- Poland
- Singapore
- Nigeria
- Philippines
- Libya

- Romania
- Australia
- Uganda
- Spanish
- China

4. Finally, please can you provide details on how much debt owed by those from overseas has been written off by the health board for each year, and any recorded reasons why this could not be recovered.

No debt owed by those from overseas has been written off by the health board.