

Thank you for your request for Information under the FOIA:

1. Losses and special payments

Please provide a copy of your losses and special payments register or database for the year 2016-17. I would expect this information to include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- a) Category of loss or special payment (e.g. bad debt, fruitless payment, compensation payment made under legal obligation) as defined in relevant losses and special payments policy or procedure documents.
- B) A summary of the loss
- c) Amount paid out in £ Sterling (or other currency)
- d) Debtor name (where that debtor is a company or disclosure of a person's name is permitted by the data protection provisions of s.40)

2. Bad debts

- a) Please state how much bad debt was written off in the year 2016-17.
- b) If, and only if, you hold the information in an easily retrievable format, i.e. not in individual case files, please state how much of this bad debt was non-NHS and/or private patient debt write offs and/or overseas visitors related.

Please find the Trust's response below:

This information is already publically available within our Annual Accounts and Report, which is available on our website <http://www.dbh.nhs.uk/default.aspx> from the end of September 2017 - therefore this information is exempt under the grounds of:

FOIA s.21 – Information available to applicant by other means

FOIA s.22 – Information intended for future publication

Complaints:

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you do have the right to complain and to ask for an internal review. The complaint has to be addressed to the Trust in the first instance, where it will be investigated within the timescales set out in the FOIA 2000; we do attempt to turn reviews around within 20 working days however, sometimes it can take us longer and we will advise you of that at the time. If you are unhappy with the outcome of our Internal Review, then you do have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office: <http://www.ico.org.uk/>

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