

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/067

Subject: Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1.</p> <p>a. A copy of any policies, standard operating procedure or guidance that sets out how the Board identifies who qualifies as a foreign national or overseas visitor required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS).</p> <p>b. Please provide the results of the last audit of this policy and compliance levels with it. If such an audit has not been conducted within the last five years, please say so.</p>	<p>The ICB is a commissioning organisation, not a Trust, and therefore does not deliver care to patients.</p> <p>Please contact the Acute hospital Trusts directly, contact details can be found via the links below.</p>
<p>2. A copy of any policies that set out what steps are taken if a patient, eligible to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS), seeks to access (or in fact has already accessed) services provided by the Board for which payment would be owed.</p>	<p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT): https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information</p> <p>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW): https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>a. A copy of any policies, standard operating procedure or guidance which set out the steps taken to invoice a</p>	

<p>foreign national for any episode of care delivered by the Board which was not billed/ invoiced for prior to the episode of care being delivered.</p> <p>b. A copy of any policies, standard operating procedure or guidance that set out the steps the Trust takes to collect unpaid debts where an episode / episodes of care have been provided to a foreign national.</p> <p>c. Data which sets out the total amount (in GBP) for each of the last 3 calendar years that has been collected for the provision of any episode of care for a foreign national (i.e. any individual who is not entitled to that care free at the point of use).</p> <p>i. Collected by the Board</p> <p>ii. Collected by a third party</p> <p>iii. That the Board has written off</p> <p>d. The total amount (in GBP) which remains uncollected by the Board for the provision of any episode of care for a foreign national.</p>	
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 5 June 2025 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business Strategy and Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.