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## REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25:

1. The total number of patient episodes (e.g., emergency, inpatient, outpatient) recorded in your trust's systems where the patient was flagged as an asylum seeker or exempt from charging due to asylum/refugee status.
2. Total NHS expenditure associated with those episodes, by category where available (e.g., by service type such as A&E, inpatient, outpatient, prescriptions, maternity).
3. Whether your trust records immigration status or charging exemption codes that can distinguish asylum seekers from other charging exemption categories.

## RESPONSE

1. 2023/2023 10 patient episodes recorded as asylum/refugee status  
2023/2024 <5 patient episodes recorded as asylum/refugee status  
2024/2025 <5 patient episodes recorded asylum/refugee status
2. Our OV database does not record all expenditure
3. Yes, the Trust records the following person categories to help distinguish immigration status  
Patient is ordinary resident in the UK  
Patient is failed asylum Seeker  
Patient is resident in UK and subject to Imm control  
Patient ordinary resident in other EEA state/Switzerland  
Patient ordinary resident outside EEA/Switzerland

Immigration surcharge paid  
Not enough info provided  
Patient is an asylum seeker/refugee