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**Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request**  
**Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-D-043**

**Relating to FOI request response ref. 23-C-036, you asked:**

- 1. From the figures provided it seems like far more overseas visitors who were not private paying patients or eligible for care under reciprocal arrangements with other countries were identified (1016 in 2020/21 and 1295 in 2021/22) than invoiced (21 in 2020/21 and 22 in 2021/22). Is there any information available about why the other patients (995 in 2020/21 and 1273 in 2021/22) were not invoiced e.g. treated for covid or other diseases exempt from charging, decision not to charge patients due to their inability to pay?**

Please note that from 2021 we began recording Europeans as pre-settled and settled status. From April 2021 we only recorded new asylum seekers, not all episodes of care.

Please find below the number of overseas patients not charged broken down by reason in years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

<b>Overseas Visitors not charged and reason 2020/2021</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Students	141
Asylum Seekers (All Asylum seeker episodes)	339
Leave to remain/Enter	385
Europeans live and work	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>995</b>

<b>Patients not charged and reason 2021/2022</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Students	242
Asylum Seekers	33
Leave to remain/Enter	701
EEA pre-settlement/settlement	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>1273</b>



**2. Also, according to information previously released under the FOI Act, the number of overseas visitors who were not private paying patients or eligible for care under reciprocal arrangements with other countries were identified in the past two years (1016 in 2020/21 and 1295 in 2021/22) is far higher than in previous years (75 in 2018/19 and 61 in 2019/20) and I wonder if this is due to a change in methodology (e.g. how these patients are categorised) or other factors e.g. increased efforts to identify overseas visitors, increased number of overseas visitors seeking treatment during the pandemic?**

Apologies, but information previously released under FOIA relating to patients not eligible for care under reciprocal arrangements or private paying for 2018/19 and 2019/20 was incorrect, leading to an apparent jump in figures to the next two financial years. Revised figures accurately reflect the true position, which does not indicate an increase in these patients for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Please find below the corrected information, which replaces the previous data.

<b>Overseas visitors 2018/2019</b> (not including EHICS, reciprocals or A+E)	<b>Overseas visitors 2019/2020</b> (not including EHICS, reciprocals or A+E)
747	1115

