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Dear Mr McDonald

Anticipated UK Healthcare (international Arrangements) Bill – Legislative Consent Memorandum

In response to your letter dated 27 November 2018 please see response to each question below.

1. How do you identify (non-UK) EEA citizens using NHS services in your board area (on behalf of the DWP)?

Patients are either identified via address or the fact that a CHI number is not available on registration. NHS Ayrshire & Arran has a clear process established which is followed by Health Records staff. Documentation has been compiled relating to the questions required to be asked when an Overseas Visitor attends. Following interview, documentation is sent to Coding and Standards Manager/Health Record Manager to compile and send to DWP.

2. How much does it cost the board to provide treatment for (non-UK) EEA individual?

21 patient episodes – YTD 2018-2019 - cost £34,802
32 patient episodes – 2017-2018 – cost £24,100
31 patient episodes – 2016-2017 - cost £32,186
32 patient episodes – 2015-2016 – cost £32,879

3. How many (non-UK) EEA individuals using NHS services of the board were reported to DWP in the last five years?

Ayrshire and Arran reported 122 patient attendances from 01/03/2015 on DWP Portal. The portal was not used before this date.

4. What costs to the boards were reported to the DWP incurred by (non-UK) EEA individuals in the last five years?

As above Q2

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5. What means does the board use to identify and recover costs for non EEA citizens who are not eligible for NHS treatment?

Patients are interviewed by a Health Records Supervisor when notified from Health Records Service clerks. Documentation from the interview process is completed and the patient is provided with a Patient's information guide to treatment. Following interview, documentation is sent to Coding and Standards Manager/Health Record Manager to compile, estimate cost and send to NHSAA.Invoices@ggc.scot.nhs.uk to process the invoice.

6. In the last five financial years, how much did treatment cost for these (non EEA) individuals and how much was recovered?

	Value of invoices raised in year £	Cash Received in year £
2013-14	42,992	22,009
2014-15	9,901	15,958
2015-16	28,507	19,918
2016-17	40,401	12,836
2017-18	14,966	13,840
Total	136,767	84,561

Yours sincerely

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