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Information requested:

1. Does your organisation engage with any third- party suppliers that provide software or services which support private or overseas patients' healthcare services -for example advice on private patient strategy, recovery of private patient fees etc, in any of the below areas of work?
2. Does the organisation have a dedicated private patient unit or self-contained space to treat private patients? If yes, please tick which of the below areas the organisation offers a private unit or self-contained space for:
3. Which specialties does your organisation offer care for within their private patient's service? If yes, please tick all relevant specialities in the table below:

You provided a spreadsheet for us to record our responses.

Response:

1. The State Hospital does not treat private or overseas patients and does not hold information that can answer your question. We therefore give notice under FOI(S)A section 17 that we do not hold the information you have requested.
2. We give notice under FOI(S)A section 17 that we do not hold the information requested.
3. We give notice under FOI(S)A section 17 that we do not hold the information requested.

Advice and Guidance

We have assumed that the term "overseas" means outside of the United Kingdom. If you would prefer us to use a different definition, please advise.

The State Hospital is one of four high secure hospitals in the UK. Located in South Lanarkshire in central Scotland, it is a national service for Scotland and Northern Ireland and one part of the pathway of care that should be available for those with secure care needs. The principal aim is to rehabilitate patients, ensuring safe transfer to appropriate lower levels of security.

There are 140 high-secure beds (plus four beds for emergency use) for male patients requiring maximum secure care: 12 beds specifically for patients with an intellectual disability. A range of therapeutic, educational, diversional and recreational services including a Health Centre is provided.

Although The State Hospital shares the same values, aims and challenges as the rest of the NHS in Scotland, it is unique because it has the dual responsibility of caring for very ill, detained patients as well as protecting them, the public and staff from harm.