

# Overseas Visitors Policy

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This policy is based on the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2011.

For purposes of clarification an Overseas Visitor is any patient who is not normally resident in the United Kingdom.

These regulations clearly state that no charge may be made in respect of any relevant services provided to an overseas visitor for 'emergency services', except for when a patient has been accepted as an in-patient or is seen in an outpatient appointment.

As all services provided by SELDOC are by definition 'emergency services' it is not appropriate for us to charge any overseas visitors for the provision of services.

However, clinicians should bear in mind that overseas visitors should only be provided with emergency services, and not routine primary care, and should adhere to all relevant policies with regard to prescribing.