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Immigration Checks

The Home Office provides phone services, such as the Immigration Enforcement Checking and Advice Service (IECAS), which Trusts can call to get information on a patient's immigration status to determine whether or not they need to be charged.

1. Can you tell me whether the Trust carries out immigration checks using any other service/method, such as:

- The Status Verification and Enquiries Checking (SVEC) service;
- A local immigration officer;
- Any other service/method;

Yes, see response to Question 2, below.

2. If any of the above or other services are used, please provide the following:

How many status checks were made for each of the following years - by year (2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 (as of 1st July) and by Nationality and Service (SVEC/ local immigration officer/etc.)

Year	Number of Checks	(IECAS)	SVEC	Immigration Officer
2019	16	0	7	9
2020	9	0	5	4
2021	11	0	9	2
2022	3	0	0	3

Belfast Trust is unable to provide a breakdown of nationality, as this information is not held.