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I have just recieved a letter from what is now called the University Hospital Birmingham, in other words the Queen Elizabeth. They are saying that they think that about 300 patients will be identified across the West Midlands in the look back. They say that they think that treatment costs may amount to £500,000. They think that most of the patients will wind up at the QE and they womnder who is going to pay. They are of course suggesting that a region wide approach will be needed.

Was the issue addressed when the lookback was launched ? My first instinct was to say to them that they should simply approach the purchaser of residence for each patient. I assume that most of these will be tertiary or that we will expect purchasers to pay.

I have not replied as yet. Once I do reply I have no doubt that my letter will be copied all over the place so I thought I should give you a shot at it before hand. Any thoughts?