

What is the Immigration Act in healthcare?

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IMMIGRATION ACT

NHS free at point of service. In 2014, 150% charges introduced for secondary care certain migrants



Government aims to recoup £500*m pounds



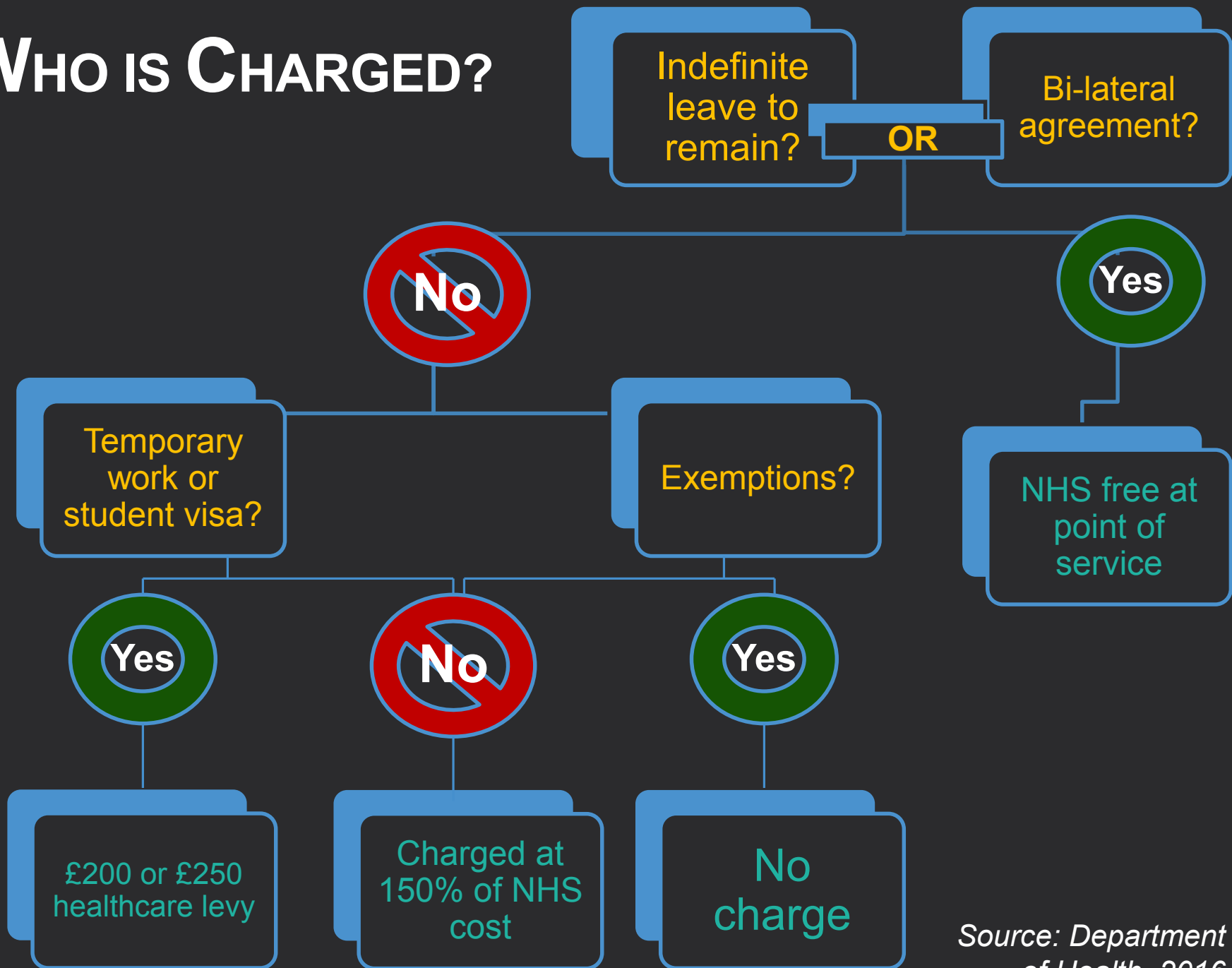
NHS shares patient information with Home Office



Charges to be expanded to primary and emergency care

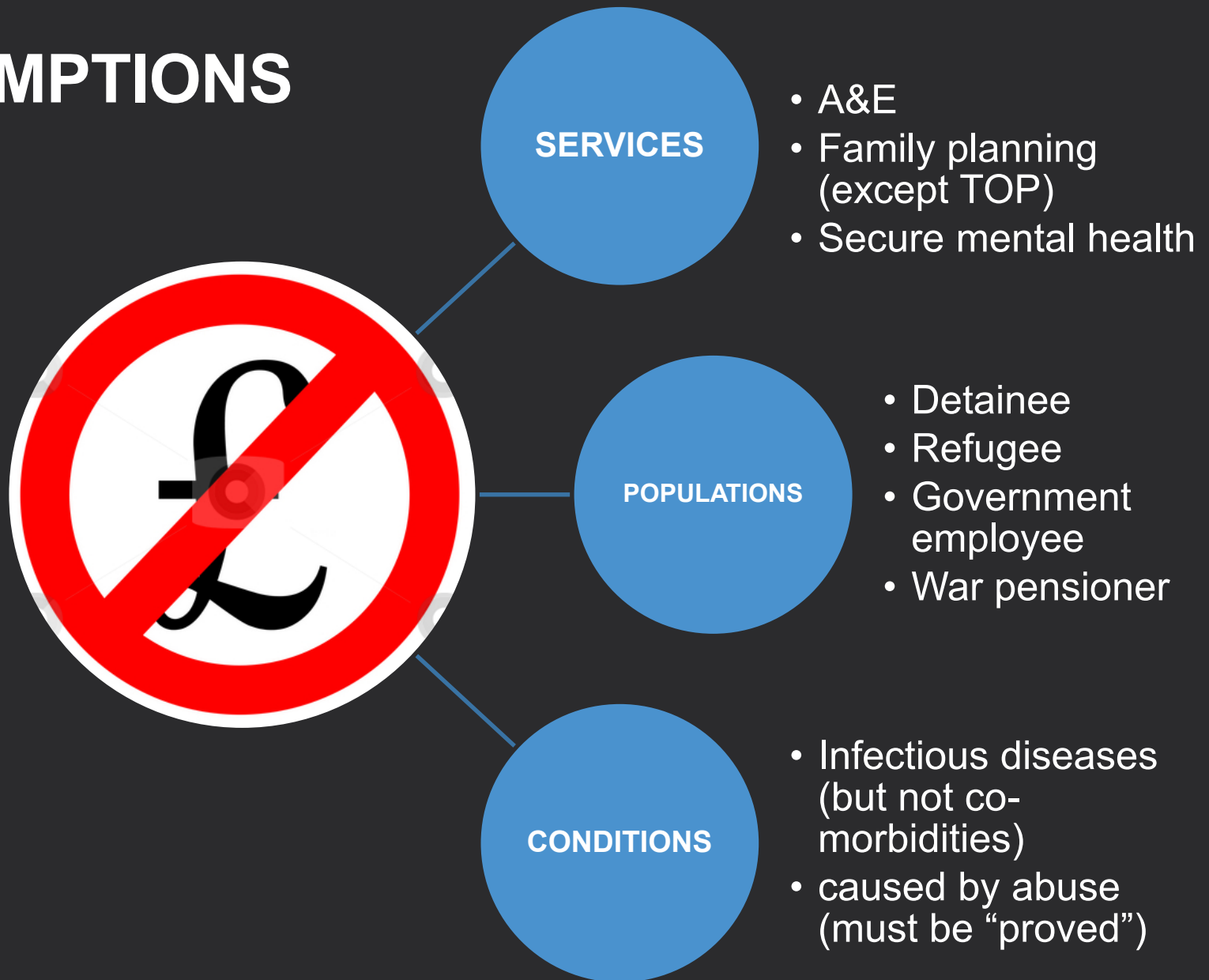
NHS alerts Home Office to debts

WHO IS CHARGED?

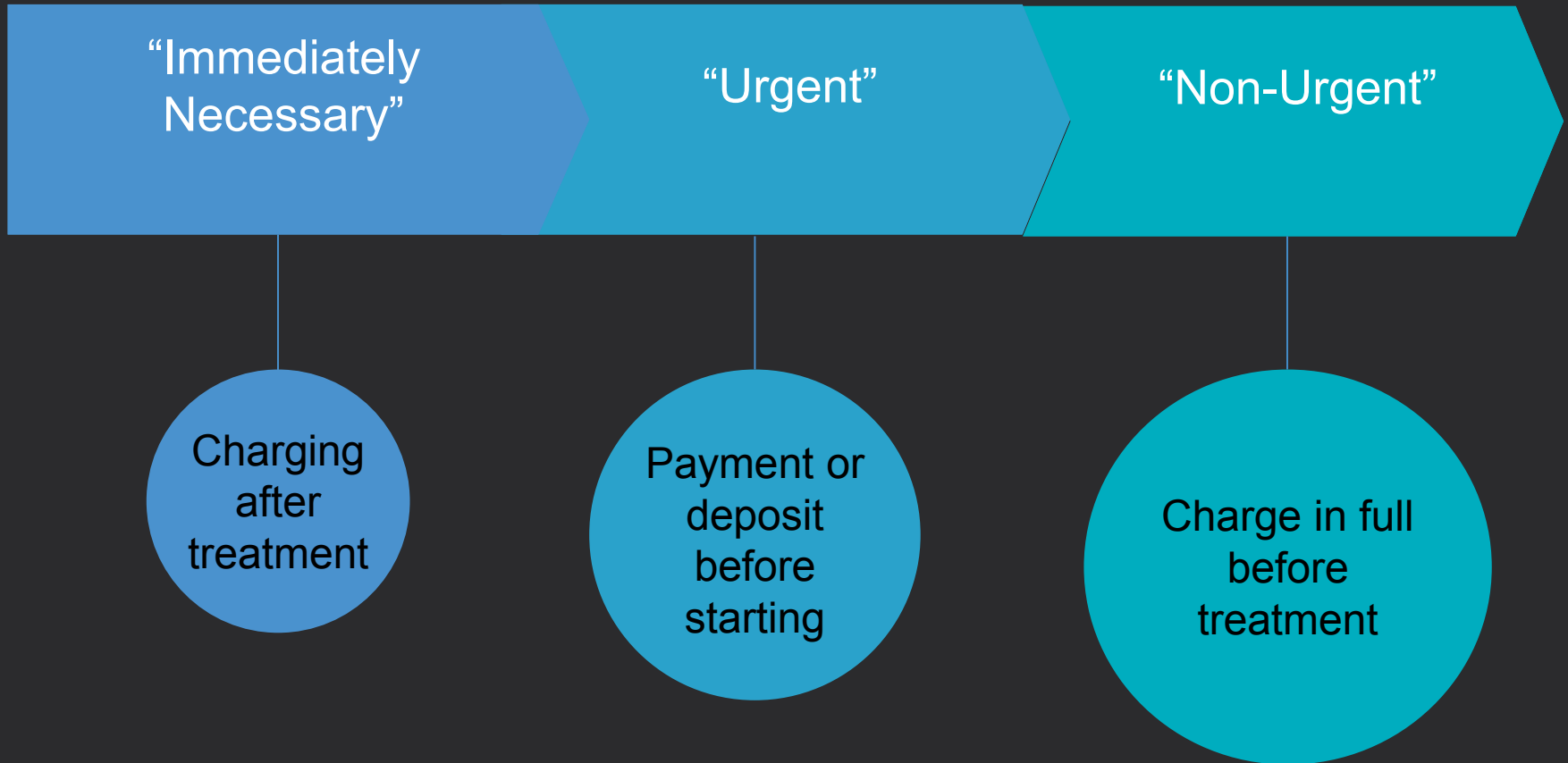


Source: Department of Health. 2016

EXEMPTIONS



CATEGORIES OF TREATMENT



No examples readily accessible – at doctor’s discretion

CHARGING CONTEXT



Health tourism
£20-300 million/year
(NHS budget £110 B)



Overseas officers



2015: Statutory
requirement for hospital
trusts to comply



Visa requirements for
healthcare workers



Exemptions and monitoring
of impact on equality and
diversity

CHARGING CONTROVERSY



Health tourism
“impossible to estimate
with confidence”



Future charging areas
make little difference to
overall sum made



Implementation risks
patient safety



Comparative costs in
NHS (PFI £10 billion per
year)



Healthworkers complicit
in monitoring

This another step in
creeping privatisation