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If the UK had been outside the EU in 2014, and therefore not paying £ 12.3 billion net to Brussels, in that year alone it would have been able to afford to build 25 major brand-new fully-equipped hospitals

- UK Net Contribution to Brussels in 2014 (the latest calendar year for which reliable data exists): **£ 12.3 billion** *Note 1*
- A brand-new fully-equipped fully-staffed large NHS hospital costs around **half a billion pounds.** *Note 2*
- £ 12.3 bn divided by £ 0.5 bn equals **twenty-five**

Notes

1. *UK gross contribution in 2014 was £ 20.0 bn; Brussels paid us £ 7.7 bn back: our net contribution was £ 12.3 bn. Source: Table 1, Global Britain Briefing Note No 108, www.globalbritain.co.uk > Briefing Notes*

2. *Examples of new-build fully-equipped NHS hospitals in England:-*

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Completed in 2010. **Cost £ 545 million** (£ 0.545 bn).

6,900 staff. Treats half a million patients every year. 1000 beds. Europe's largest "critical care" facility with 100 beds. 30 operating theatres. 3800 car parking spaces. Incorporates the main UK military hospital for severely-injured servicemen & servicewomen. www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen-Elizabeth-Hospital-Birmingham

Southmead Hospital, Bristol: **cost £ 430 million** www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southmead-Hospital

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton: Re-build announced: **£ 484 million.**
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal-Sussex-County-Hospital

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