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By email

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act")

I refer to your email of 11 May in which you requested information under the FOI Act from Monitor. I apologise for the delay in replying. As explained in our acknowledgement email of 10 June, a response has been delayed due to a problem with our arrangements for receiving FOI emails.

Please note that, as we explained in our email, since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. FOI requests relating to NHS Improvement, including requests specific to Monitor or the Trust Development Authority, should now be sent to nhsi.foi@nhs.net.

Your request

Your email includes a request for:

"- A piece of work done by Aldwych Partners on "evaluating the delivery of benefits from NHS mergers", which was commissioned last year."

This letter responds to that request. The response to your other request for another report will follow in a subsequent letter.

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested, but has decided not to provide the report in response to your FOI request, as it is already in the public domain and reasonably accessible to you by other means (section 21 of FOIA).

The report can be found on the NHS Improvement website at the following address:

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/how-make-nhs-mergers-work-better-patients/>

As well as the report, you can find other resources published by NHS Improvement with a view to making NHS mergers work better for patients.

Review rights

If you consider that your request for information has not been properly handled or if you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you can try to resolve this informally with the person who dealt with your request. If you remain dissatisfied, you may seek an internal review within NHS Improvement of the issue or the decision. A senior member of NHS Improvement's staff, who has not previously been involved with your request, will undertake that review.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the FOI Act.

A request for an internal review should be submitted in writing to FOI Request Reviews, NHS Improvement, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG or by email to nhsi.foi@nhs.net.

Publication

Please note that this letter will shortly be published on our website. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the FOI Act is disclosed to the public at large. We will, of course, remove your personal information (e.g. your name and contact details) from the version of the letter published on our website to protect your personal information from general disclosure.

Yours sincerely,



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