

10 January 2017

By email

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”)**

I refer to your email of 1 December 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority have been operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the TDA.

### **Your request**

You made the following request:

*“Measurement of the radiation emissions from the multiple Non Ionising radiation emission devices across the NHS estate including RF and WIFI routers hand held devices used by Staff and Patients.*

*With recent global concerns about the significant detrimental health effects from Low power radiation emission devices. Does NHS improvement have any figures on the radiation levels emitted from the Multiplication of devices across the NHS estate. Or individual hospitals?”*

### **Decision**

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested. We have included links to identify various organisations responsible for non-ionising radiation emissions and WIFI routers.

NHS Digital is responsible for rolling out WiFi across the NHS, see <https://digital.nhs.uk/nhs-wi-fi>

For safety, please see:

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/causes-of-cancer/cancer-controversies/mobile-phones-wifi-and-power-lines>; and  
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Mobile-phone-safety/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Individual hospitals are subject to the FOI Act and as such it is open to you to seek information directly from them. They will need to consider whether information can properly be provided by them in response to any such requests within the terms of the FOI Act.

### **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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Bessell'.

**William Bessell**

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