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By email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of **7 September 2015** in which you requested information under the FOI Act.

Your request

You made the following request:

*‘I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act please.
Page 38 of the attached document refers to the national project management office for use of the independent sector for the elective waiting times backlog in 14-15.
This PMO reported to the tripartite of NHS England, Monitor and the TDA.
i would like to see a copy of the final reports for each region (as referred to in the attached document) and the national £ total and patients treated total up to the end of the financial year.
There are equivalent tables to the one in the attached document, broken down by trust.’*

Background

A programme was initiated by NHS England in November 2014 to reduce waiting list backlogs by utilising independent sector capacity (the “Programme”). To support and coordinate the Programme, it set up a national project management office (“PMO”) that made weekly progress reports. After January 2015, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority (“TDA”) jointly led this programme, managing the input from the PMO.

Decision

I have understood your request to be for the final weekly report from the PMO to NHS England, Monitor and TDA containing details of the total national spend on the Programme

and the weekly patient level tracking data for each region up to the end of the financial year 2014/15.

I can confirm that Monitor does hold this information and has decided to release all of the information that it holds. The information will be provided to you electronically.

In relation to the tables on pages 6 and 7 of the document provided, it may assist you to know that a simple RAG rating was used for internal monitoring purposes only to assess the progress of providers against agreed plans for the number of completed pathways.

Please accept this response on behalf of all three of the organisations involved with this work, all of which have received an identical request for information from you.

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 Monitor of the issue or the decision. A senior member of Monitor'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 conducted by Monitor, 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, Monitor, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG or by email to foi@monitor.gov.uk.

Please note that this letter and the attached information will shortly be published on our website. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 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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