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**By email**

Dear [REDACTED]

**Review of Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act)**

I refer to your email of 14 November 2016 in which you requested an internal review of NHS Improvement's decision in relation to your request under the FOI Act dated 17 October 2016. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement.

Having reviewed your request again, we have decided that we should provide the information requested.

**Your original FOI request**

You made the following request:

*"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from NHS Improvements:*

*Agency Spend for the financial years 14/15 and 15/16*

*Please provide the information broken down by Staff Group (please see example below)*

<i>Foundation Trust</i>	<i>14/15</i>	<i>15/16</i>
<i>Medical and Dental</i>		
<i>Nursing and Midwifery</i>		
<i>Allied Health Professionals</i>		
<i>Health Science Services</i>		

*for each of the following Trust types:*

- Foundation Trust*
- Acute Trust*
- Ambulance Trust*
- Mental Health Trust"*

On 11 November 2016, NHS Improvement explained that it held some of the information that you requested as it collected some but not all the data and decided to withhold the information it did hold on the basis of the applicability of the exemptions in sections 31, 33, 41 and 43 of the FOI Act (the decision).

### **Your internal review request**

On 14 November 2016, you requested a review of NHS Improvement's decision.

### **Decision**

NHS Improvement has decided to provide the information that it holds. It does not hold figures for agency spend for the financial year 14/15 broken down by staff group. This is because whilst NHS Improvement has collected this information for foundation trusts (please see our response to a previous request for this information [here](#)<sup>1</sup>), it has not collected this information for the financial year 14/15 for NHS Trusts.

NHS Improvement holds the other information requested and I enclose this at Annex 1 of this letter.

### **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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<sup>1</sup> The difference in the figure provided in response to that request and the corresponding figure at Annex 1 is due to differences between accounts and market intelligence information.

## Annex 1

<b><u>Agency Spend 2014/15 &amp; 2015/16</u></b>		
	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>
	<b>£000's</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Nursing - Qualified Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff (Registered)	Not available	1,137,017
Agency - Medical	Not available	1,338,911
Agency - Other	Not available	1,155,861
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>3,189,589</b>	<b>3,631,789</b>
NHS Trusts	1,353,910	1,522,572
Foundation Trusts	1,835,679	2,109,217
	<b>3,189,589</b>	<b>3,631,789</b>
<b><u>Sector</u></b>		
Acute	2,337,322	2,712,691
Ambulance	38,890	51,345
Community	127,930	159,000
Mental Health	596,495	623,569
Specialist	88,952	85,184
	<b>3,189,589</b>	<b>3,631,789</b>

