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By email

Dear Ms

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

I refer to your email of 23 November 2015 in which you requested information under the FOI Act.

### Your request

You made the following request:

"I note from your response to the consultation on Agency Price Caps that you had 3,404 responses.

Please can you provide me with information on how the responses were analysed. In particular:

- 1. How many people were involved in Monitor in evaluating the responses? To the extent possible, please can you break this down between the number who assessed the individual responses and people were only involved in signing off the results?
- 2. Please can you provide details of the timeline for evaluating the responses, from when the consultation closed on Friday 13 November to when the result of the consultation was announced on Friday 20 November. In particular, when was the first draft of the consultation response document produced, when was the final draft produced and when was the document signed off?"

#### **Decision**

Monitor holds the information that you have requested and has decided to release it.

We have responded to your questions in turn below. Please note that references to employees are full time employees at Monitor (FTE).

1. In terms of assessing the responses, 1.0 FTE set up Monitor's analytical framework for 1 week. There were 3.5 FTE assessing responses for 4 weeks, and 1 FTE assessing responses for 2 weeks and having oversight of pulling together recommendations. Additional resource for sign off involved two 0.3 FTE for 1 week.

2. We began receiving responses from day 1 of the consultation period. During the first week, we set up a response strategy and tool and framework for analysing the responses, including calculating how many people we would need given the number of responses received.

We then had 3.5 FTE working on reading and analysing responses for a period of 4 weeks, from week 2 of the consultation period until a week after it ended. This work was overseen by a Project Director.

A first draft of the response document was completed on 17 November and was reviewed by the Provider Policy Executive. The document was signed off and published on 20 November.

## 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 <a href="mailto:foi@monitor.gov.uk">foi@monitor.gov.uk</a>.

#### <u>Publication</u>

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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