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By email

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Dear [REDACTED],

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

I refer to your email of **9 December 2015** in which you requested information under the FOI Act.

Your request

You made the following request:

"Under the Freedom of Information act and in particular reference to the recent consultation/publications on 'National price caps for agency staff working in the NHS', i would like to enquire the following information:

- 1. How many Locum Doctor, Nurses & GPs are working in the NHS per day (please provide numbers separately for each category) in 2014/15*
- 2. The total charge in commissions paid to agencies in 2014/15*
- 3. What was the total NHS England spend on locum Doctors in 2014/15*
- 4. What was the total NHS England spend on locum Nurses in 2014/15*
- 5. What was the total NHS England spend on GP locum doctors in 2014/15*
- 6. What was the total NHS England spend on other clinical & non-clinical in 2014/15*

If possible, i would also like to request the data for locum staff supplied by both external locum agencies and the internal NHS professionals."

Decision

Monitor does not hold the information that you have requested.

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to protect essential health services for patients if a provider gets into financial difficulties. More information on our role can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/monitor/about>

For requests specifically relating to expenditure by NHS England, we suggest that you contact them directly.

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 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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