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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 23 May 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement.

Your request

You made the following request:

I would like to request using the Freedom of Information act, any communications between Richard Harris, as chairman, or former chairman, of Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals and Sir Peter Carr whilst he was chairman of the NHS Trust Development Authority.

I am particularly interested in any items regarding governance of the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals trust.

Decision

NHS Improvement does hold the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement will not be releasing any of this information to you. All of the communications between Sir Peter Carr and Mr Harris were regarding personal issues and were drafted with the intention of being and remaining confidential. The information contained in those communications constitutes personal data, as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998. The individuals concerned would expect the information to have been kept confidential and NHS Improvement does not consider there is any legitimate public interest reason for disclosing the information. In the circumstances, disclosure would not be fair and would contravene the first data protection principle (processing must be fair and

lawful). This information is therefore being withheld under the exemption in section 40(2) and (3)(a) of the FOIA.

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.

Publication

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 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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