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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 18 May 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the NHS TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

“Following on from Lord Carters Pathology Report and in turn Efficiency report, please can you provide information on the following questions.

Which Trusts do not currently meet the 1.6% cost of service to Trust operating expenditure target as set out by the report 2016?

Which Trusts have been identified as not currently achieving the Acute Pathology Model Hospital model?”

Decision

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement plans to gather information, in the future, in relation to your first question about the current cost of pathology to NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts as a percentage of their operating expenditure. In addition, we will generally look to oversee performance in pathology, provide good practice advice and intervene to support trusts, as necessary and appropriate within the context of our role. NHS Improvement will publish information, as appropriate, about this work and provider performance in due course.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Wilkinson', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Martin Wilkinson
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