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By email

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”)

I refer to your email of **25 January 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority have been operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement.

Your request

On 25 January you requested further information to our decision letter to your request of 21 December 2016. You originally made the following request:

“Would it be possible to have updated data for the table attached? I.e. Agency spend for medical & dental staff, nurses and other staff for Q2, Q3 & Q4 of 2015/16 and the first two quarters of 16/17?”

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/489229/Foundation_trust_spend_on_permanent_staff_Q1_2015-16.pdf

Your additional request on 25 January asked for the following:

“Would it be possible to get the breakdown for Foundation Trust and NHS trust (non-FTs)”

Decision

NHS Improvement holds some of the information that you have requested and has decided to release the information that it holds.

NHS Improvement does not hold the data split by staff group types and trust type for Q1-3 2015/16. We can provide the split by staff group at Q4 2015/16 but only at a national level, not split between trusts and FTs. Also, there have been a number of mergers & acquisitions as well as NHS Trusts achieving FT status, which affects the total number of trusts.

We have attached the data as requested for Q1 and Q2 2016/17, below.

Staff spend In £'000		FY16/17	FY16/17
		YTD Q1	YTD Q2
Permanent		11,195,470	22,389,200
- Qualified Nursing	Foundation trust	2,211,877	4,391,197
- Medical	Foundation trust	1,718,573	3,468,086
- Other	Foundation trust	3,255,570	6,508,885
- Qualified Nursing	NHS Trust	1,198,099	2,389,765
- Medical	NHS Trust	988,167	1,991,203
- Other	NHS Trust	1,823,184	3,640,063
Agency		761,415	1,513,651
- Qualified Nursing	Foundation trust	141,176	280,747
- Medical	Foundation trust	159,554	316,011
- Other	Foundation trust	150,511	297,981
- Qualified Nursing	NHS Trust	101,833	210,721
- Medical	NHS Trust	111,934	214,687
- Other	NHS Trust	96,408	193,505

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,

NHS Improvement