

11 November 2015

[REDACTED]

By email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of **14 October 2015** in which you requested information under the FOI Act.

Your request

You made the following request:

‘Under the FOIA please disclose the following information:

- 1) NHS foundation trusts' total spend on interim managers in 2014/15 and 2015-year to date.*
- 2) The total number of managers placed through recruitment agencies in 2014/15 and 2015 - year to date.’*

Decision

Monitor does not hold the information that you have requested.

In response to the first part of your request regarding foundation trust spend on interim managers, Monitor collects data from foundation trusts on their total spend on managers and agency staff, which is made up of three categories of workforce: central functions; hotel, property and estates; and manager and senior manager. Monitor does not separate these three categories. The information that Monitor holds on foundation trust spend on employees and agency staff is published in the NHS foundation trusts quarterly performance reports on the GOV.UK website [here](#).

In response to the second part of your request, as mentioned above, Monitor does not separate the information on staff that it collects from foundation trusts, and does not collect information on how staff are recruited.

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) regularly publishes workforce data and sets data definitions, including those on workforce categories. You may wish to visit the HSCIC's website at <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/home> or contact the organisation directly at enquiries@hscic.gov.uk.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yin Shi'.

Yin Shi
Head of Sector Reporting