

5 May 2016

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your letter of 5 April 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) and Monitor are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means the NHS TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

I wish to request all relevant emails, correspondence and meeting minutes during the period 2011 to 2014 between NHS Trust Development Authority and Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the development, implementation and impact of the Cost Improvement Programme. If necessary, please consider this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Decision

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested. A search has been conducted of the information held by the relevant NHS TDA and Monitor teams, and neither hold any emails, correspondence or meeting minutes between the NHS TDA and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which relate to the Cost Improvement Programme.

Please note that NHS trusts and CCGs are subject to the FOI Act and as such it is open to you to seek information directly from them. They will need to consider whether information can properly be provided by them in response to any such requests within the terms of the FOI Act.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Buckingham', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Helen Buckingham
Executive Director Corporate Affairs