

16th January 2017

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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 **16 December 2016** 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. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

"1. How much has the NHS spent on hysteroscopic sterilisations using the Essure device in 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016? If possible, please break this down by year (either financial or calendar, however this information is held).

2. How many women under went the hysteroscopic sterilisation procedure using the Essure device in 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016? If possible, please break this down by year (either financial or calendar, however this information is held)."

Decision

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

You may find some assistance in the Department of Health reference costs publications which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-reference-costs>. However, this information does not separately identify the costs incurred by providers when undertaking procedures using a particular device, such as the Essure. Please note that there is no specific HRG or outpatient attendance TFC for 'hysteroscopic sterilisation', so it is likely that this will be grouped with other procedures under a more generic HRG. In that context you may also want to refer to the 'Code to Group' workbook for the 2015/16 reference costs collection (<http://content.digital.nhs.uk/casemix/costing>) to determine the HRG mapping of this procedure.

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,



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