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By email
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Dear ██████████

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

I refer to your email of **5 October 2016** in which you requested information under the FOI Act. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement.

Your request

You made the following request:

- 1. What are the most recent figures as to how many patients are awaiting discharge from an NHS hospital?*
- 2. On average how many days has each patient been awaiting discharge?*
- 3. What is the value as to the additional benefits achieved by a hospital in respect of “freeing up” beds e.g. reduced waiting times within the hospital for elective surgery?*
- 4. By having shorter times this in turn reduces the need for the NHS to utilise services as provided by the private sector, for every bed made available, what is the saving to the NHS?*
- 5. As more beds are available, admitting patients from A&E are also effected, what financial impact does this have?*
- 6. What is the average daily cost to the hospital in providing a bed for a patient awaiting discharge?*

Decision

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

NHS Improvement is responsible for overseeing foundation trusts and NHS trusts, as well as independent providers that provide NHS-funded care. We offer the support these providers need to give patients consistently safe, high quality, compassionate care within local health systems that are financially sustainable. By holding providers to account and, where necessary, intervening, we help the NHS to meet its short-term challenges and secure its future.

You can find more information on what we do on our [website](#)

Please note that NHS foundation trusts and other NHS bodies, as well as the Department of Health and NHS England are subject to the FOI Act and 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 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