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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 17 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 are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor.

### **Your request**

You made the following request:

*In the ‘2017/18 and 2018/19 national tariff: currencies and prices’ document, under which HRG codes are interventions for the treatment of cluster headaches located?*

*If interventions for the treatment of cluster headaches are included under multiple HRG codes, please specify the most commonly used HRG codes in ascending order, with most commonly used first.*

*Please specify the step-by-step process by which NHS Improvement arrived at the decision to change the HRG mapping of interventions for the treatment of cluster headaches from the intracranial pain HRG code to any of the following HRG codes in the ‘2017/18 and 2018/19 national tariff: currencies and prices’ document:*

*AA31A – Headache, migraine or cerebrospinal fluid leak with CC*

*AB05Z – Intermediate pain procedures*

*AA31B – Headache, migraine or cerebrospinal fluid leak without CC*

*AB04Z – major pain procedures*

*AA21B – Minor intracranial procedures except trauma with other diagnoses without CC*

*AA21A – Minor intracranial procedures except trauma with other diagnoses with CC*

What OPCS codes constitute the following HRG codes:

- AA31A – Headache, migraine or cerebrospinal fluid leak with CC*
- AB05Z – Intermediate pain procedures*
- AA31B – Headache, migraine or cerebrospinal fluid leak without CC*
- AB04Z – major pain procedures*
- AA21B – Minor intracranial procedures except trauma with other diagnoses without CC*
- AA21A – Minor intracranial procedures except trauma with other diagnoses with CC*

Which organisations and individuals were involved in deciding changes to the composition of the updated currencies in the '2017/18 and 2018/19 national tariff: currencies and prices' document?

Please could you provide me with a copy of all working documents and meeting papers specifically relating to the development of the new OPCS compositions, for each of the following HRG codes, in the past year:

- AA31A – Headache, migraine or cerebrospinal fluid leak with CC*
- AB05Z – Intermediate pain procedures*
- AA31B – Headache, migraine or cerebrospinal fluid leak without CC*
- AB04Z – major pain procedures*
- AA21B – Minor intracranial procedures except trauma with other diagnoses without CC*
- AA21A – Minor intracranial procedures except trauma with other diagnoses with CC*

## **Decision**

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested. You may wish to contact NHS Digital to see if they hold any information relevant to your request. Details of how to make an FOI request to NHS Digital can be found [here](#).

## **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](mailto: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**