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Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act")

I refer to your email of **29 May 2016** 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 and the TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

- "1. Please provide the names and/or job titles of board members/ staff appointed .*
- 2. Salary for each board member*
- 3. For each of these appointments please provide the HM Treasury approval for the salary.*
- 4. Full cost of the board per annum"*

Please note that this letter addresses questions 1,2 and 4 of your request. We will respond to question 3 in a subsequent letter.

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested in questions 1 and 2 and has decided to withhold this information as explained in detail below. In relation to question 4, NHS Improvement does not hold the information requested, but has disclosed some related information.

Questions 1 & 2

Under section 21 of the FOI Act, a public authority is not required to disclose information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information requested in relation to 2014/15 has been published on the Monitor and TDA websites and is therefore reasonably accessible to you. We are however mindful of our duty to provide advice and assistance under section 16 of the Freedom of information Act 2000 and are able to direct you to the following websites where you will find the requested information for the period of 2014/15.

The names, job titles and salaries of the board members for 2014/15 can be found in the remuneration reports for each organisation in Monitor: Annual report and accounts 2014/15 and NHS Trust Development Authority: Annual Report and Accounts

NHS Improvement holds the information requested for the period of 2015/16 but has decided to withhold it on the basis of the applicability of section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 22 provides that information is exempt if;

- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not);
- (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request was made; and
- (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

NHS Improvement will publish the names, job titles and salaries for board members as part of its annual report and accounts in July 2016.

Question 4

NHS Improvement does not collect this information. We can confirm that there are fees involved with the administration of these meetings but those fees are not recorded specifically for the purpose of arranging each of the board meetings, and we do not hold a record of the full cost of the board per annum. We can however confirm that there has been a recent cost incurred for the filming of board meetings which is £1000 per meeting.

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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