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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 May 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement.

**Your request**

You made the following request:

“Can you please tell me the total cost of producing the independent report on the handling by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of concerns raised by and related to Sandra Haynes-Kirkbright?

I would like the final figure to include details of all monies paid to Verita in compiling the report, plus any other legal fees that were incurred relating to the report and its publication.

Can you please provide the information requested in a digital format.”

**Decision**

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement has decided to release all of the information that it holds. I can confirm that legal costs were £42,688 and the costs for Verita were £134,879.98. The total cost, was £177,567.98

## **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 [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,

*Jemma*

**Jemma Griffiths**