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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 5 May 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from Monitor. 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:

"Under FOI I would like to have the latest data on agency shifts exceeding price caps, since the last release of data under FOI on the 21st April 2016.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/518506/FOI_Agency_shifts_exceeding_the_price_caps_by_trust_on_an_anonymised_basis.pdf

Please provide the data in the same format as on the spreadsheet in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-agency-shifts-exceeding-the-price-caps-by-trust>

The information can have the trust anonymised as per the spreadsheet above. Please can you break down the information as above week by week and for staff groups. The last data was for the week of the 7th of March, can I have at least another month but all the latest data available.

In addition, for each trust (anonymised) can you include the cost of covering these shifts, Please also break this down per week and for staff group. Can you provide this information for the data that has already been released (in the links above) and this extra time."

Decision

NHS Improvement holds some of the information that you have requested and has decided to release it.

We can release the latest data on the number of agency shifts exceeding the price caps since the data published under the FOI Act on the 21st April 2016.

This anonymised data is provided per trust in the attached spreadsheet, for the week commencing 23 November 2015 to the week commencing 25 April 2016 (i.e. the last set of weekly data NHS Improvement held at the date of your request).

In response to your request for data per trust on the cost of covering these shifts, the weekly monitoring submissions only collect information on shifts which breach the price caps or framework rule. They do not collect total shift data and do not include cost information and we therefore do not hold this information.

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.

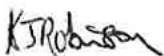
If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the FOI Act.

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 [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,



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