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**Ref No: OMERB/11-16/01**

Dear,

Thank you for your email of 11th October 2016 where you requested the following information:

1. *As a follow up to my previous request please provide a copy of the documents listed in the attached excel spreadsheet.*



Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

* know whether we hold the information you require
* be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

1. The documents and web links for the information we are able to release are attached. If you would like to receive hard copies, please get back to me with a postal address.

Please note that some of the information is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Act as we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information that this applies to can be seen on the attached spreadsheet (OMERB 10-16 01 Web links).

The remainder of the information that you requested is exempt under section 36 (2) b ii and 36(2) (c) of the Freedom of Information Act, and should be withheld. In applying these exemptions I have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information.

The papers you have requested are a record of discussions, oral evidence and summaries that contribute and ultimately lead to the publication of the independent report. The [report](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/enabling-the-delivery-of-healthcare-services-every-day-of-the-week) is published and available on the OME website on gov.uk, and provides a transparent account of the Review Body’s thinking.

As well as the information that we have provided to you in the attached document, we have also provided links to the large quantity of written evidence that is supplied to the NHSPRB in relation to this report. However, in my opinion, the disclosure of the Review Body papers which we are withholding would be likely to inhibit the free and frank provision of advice and exchange of views with the parties, which is essential for the Review Bodies’ deliberations in preparing their independent reports. This in turn would produce less useful reports, which would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. Hence, I consider that the freedom of information act exemptions mentioned above are engaged.

Please note that this information will be published on our Freedom of Information disclosure log

Your personal details will be removed from the published response.

**Appeals Procedure**

If you are unhappy with the way the Office of Manpower Economicshas handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact Steven Mokogwu (steven.mokogwu@bis.gsi.gov.uk) at the Office of Manpower Economicsif you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,



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