

22 April 2016

By email

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”)

I refer to your email of 1 April 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, I note that your request is limited to requests made to Monitor.

Your request

You made the following request:

“We would like to know how many FOI requests to Monitor over the past 12 months have been answered with the following response ' Monitor has decided to withhold all of the information that it holds' and how many FOI requests did not receive the response 'Monitor has decided to withhold all of the information that it holds’”

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested.

In the 12 months prior to your request Monitor withheld all the information requested in 49 cases. In the same period Monitor did not respond on this basis in a further 119 cases.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Rawstron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Andrew Rawstron
Senior Legal Advisor