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By email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your emails of **8 December 2016** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority (“TDA”) 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 requests:

- “1. Number of needlestick injuries sustained by NHS workers in 2015*
- 2. Number of needlestick injuries sustained by NHS workers while treating patients with Hepatitis A, B or C in 2015*
- 3. Number of needlestick injuries sustained by NHS workers while treating patients with HIV in 2015”*

And:

- “1. Number of recorded instances of blood-to-blood contact between NHS workers and patients in 2015*
- 2. Number of recorded instances of NHS workers becoming infected with a blood-borne virus after contact with an infected patient in 2015*
- 3. Number of recorded instances of NHS workers becoming infected with any disease or virus after contact with an infected patient in 2015”*

### **Decision**

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement has access to the National Reporting and Learning System (“NRLS”). The primary purpose of the NRLS is to enable learning from patient safety incidents occurring in the NHS. The information you request relates to safety incidents affecting staff in the NHS. The NRLS data we hold does not extend to incidents affecting staff. In addition, we do not collect or hold this information in the exercise of any of our other functions. The information you request is therefore beyond the scope of the information NHS Improvement holds.

NHS Protect, part of the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), collects some data on incidents affecting NHS staff which may be relevant to your request. You may wish to submit a request for information to the NHSBSA via their website, available [here](#). You may also wish to contact NHS service providers directly.

### **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 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,

**NHS Improvement**