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**By email**  
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Dear ██████████

**Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”)  
Information Commissioner’s Decision Notice**

I refer to your email of 6 October 2016 and to the Information Commissioner’s Decision Notice in relation to Case FS50614960, dated 15 September 2016.

In accordance with the Notice requirements, NHS Improvement is disclosing the information previously withheld.

The information is attached as an Annex to this letter, and consists of proposals for initial segmentation produced by the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) in January 2015, setting out the proposed segmentation of NHS trusts based on their likely trajectory towards a sustainable organisational form. This includes a description of the proposed categories and a list of NHS trusts showing their proposed categorisation.

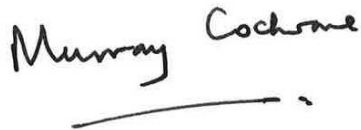
It is helpful to provide some additional background and explanation. In 2014/15, the NHS TDA carried out work on a draft proposal for the categorisation of NHS trusts that was in the end not used or applied. The information disclosed sets out the draft categories and the proposed categorisation of each trust, proposed at the time the policy was being considered. This system of categorisation was never implemented and the proposals have been superseded by developments following the establishment of NHS Improvement. These include the current system of segmentation of both NHS foundation trusts and NHS trusts, as set out in our Single Operating Framework published earlier this month.

It should be noted that the draft assessment set out in this disclosed information reflects the position as in January 2015. The assessment of individual trusts is constantly updated and circumstances change. A number of NHS trusts previously overseen by the NHS TDA have now either become NHS foundation trusts or are part of a recognised transaction process supported by NHS Improvement.

## 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Murray Cochrane". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that tapers at both ends, serving as a decorative underline.

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