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By email

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of 23 May 2016 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement.

Your request

You made the following request:

I would like to request using the Freedom of Information Act, the supplementary report/assessment provided by Lucy Scott Moncrieff and Verita to the NHS Trust Development Authority regarding evidence given to the Sandra Haynes Kirkbright inquiry regarding governance issues at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust.

Decision

NHS Improvement does hold information similar to that you have requested. NHS Improvement has decided to withhold this information for the reasons set out below.

I would like to confirm that Verita has produced one report in relation to its SHK review, titled: *Independent review of the handling by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of concerns raised by and related to Mrs Haynes-Kirkbright*. This report was published on 13 May 2016.

During the course of the independent review, a number of governance issues were identified outside of these terms of reference and as a result, Verita provided the former NHS Trust Development Authority with additional information on these governance issues – I have made an assumption that this is the information you are requesting. This information is being used to help inform the planned Governance Review at the trust, commissioned by

NHS Improvement. A report in relation to the Governance Review and this evidence will be published in due course and as such we will be exempting this information with the application of section 22 of the FOIA.

The quote below from the *Independent review of the handling by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust of concerns raised by and related to Mrs Haynes-Kirkbright* sets out the intention to publish the information you have requested in full at the same time NHS Improvement publishes the outcome of the Governance Review:

“We have provided evidence and findings on this separately to the TDA, which is commissioning an independent governance review of the trust. The TDA will pass this material to those conducting the review, the outcome of which the TDA will publish. The specific evidence and findings that we have identified to the TDA for the purpose of publication as part of the governance review will be published in full at the same time.”

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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