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By email

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of **30 October 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. 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, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

“I would like to request the any available emails , letters or documents relating to Ed Smith’s Working Lunch with Steve Hemsley (30/1/2017) and his Working Dinner with Larry Renfro (15/3/2017). As these are “working” events I would expect there are emails relating to what issues were being discussed, as well as the location of the meals and other attendees.”

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested but has decided to withhold the information on the basis of the exemption in section 21 as explained below.

Section 21 – Information accessible by other means

We consider that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOI Act, on the grounds that the information is reasonably accessible by other means.

NHS Improvement has previously released the information requested in response to a previous FOI request and the information can be accessed using the following link:

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/about-us/corporate-publications/publications/FOI-Correspondence-between-NHS-Improvement-Optum-UnitedHealth/>

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,

NHS IMPROVEMENT