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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 **4 July 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement]. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority (“the NHS TDA”) are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means both Monitor and the NHS TDA.

### **Your request**

You made the following request:

*Details of any funds paid directly to external consultants, including Carnall Farrar, for: work relating to the STP process in Kent and Medway; and/or for services to organisations (NHS bodies, or local authority bodies) involved in the Kent and Medway STP, from April 2016 to today; details of any funds directed to organisations (NHS, or local authority bodies) involved in the Kent and Medway STP to pay for services provided by external consultants, including Carnall Farrar, from April 2016 to today. Please provide the following details: date of payment; amount paid; who it was paid to; for what purpose*

### **Decision**

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

Please note that NHS bodies in the Kent and Medway area are subject to the FOI Act and as such it is open to you to seek information directly from them. They will need to consider whether information can properly be provided by them in response to any such requests within the terms of the FOI Act. You may wish to note that information can be requested direct from Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (<http://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stp/freedom-of-information/>)

## **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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C O'Brien', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Charlotte O'Brien**

Head of Delivery and Development, South (East)