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Dear

Review of your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act")

I refer to your email and letter of 31 May 2017 in which you requested an internal review of NHS Improvement's decision of 10 May 2017 in relation to your FOI request dated 7 April 2017 which was as follows:

"Firstly, can you please confirm that you hold the information listed below and second, can you please supply me with the following information please:

- All of the individual Trust's (Acute, Mental Health and Community) Corporate and Administration data collection templates used to inform the NHS Corporate Services Benchmarking Report for the Financial Year 2015/16 (as at Feb 2017), for the Cheshire and Merseyside STP footprint only.
- 2) The data set (including Trust identifiable raw data from the templates in 1) above) used to calculate the National LCQ and Median, STP LCQ and Median and Trust Type LCQ and Median for all of the individual Trust's (identifying each individual Acute, Mental Health and Community Trust separately) used to inform the NHS Corporate Services Benchmarking Report for the Financial Year 2015/16 (as at Feb 2017), for the Cheshire and Merseyside STP footprint only."

Decision

I have conducted a review of NHS Improvement's decision of 10 May 2017 and have decided that the original decision should stand on the basis of the applicability of section 22 of the FOI Act (please note we did not seek to rely on section 22A, which is a separate exemption, in our original response and do not purport to in this response either).

For your information, the March 2017 reports were not published. They were shared individually with 230 trusts, but we did not publish the individual reports.

The information we intend to publish this Autumn will include the data captured in the March 2017 individual reports and will not be anonymised. The data will also soon be published on the Model Hospital website (accessible to anyone within a trust) so providers will have a first

NHS Improvement is the operational name for the organisation that brings together Monitor, NHS Trust Development Authority, Patient Safety, the National Reporting and Learning System, the Advancing Change team and the Intensive Support Teams.

opportunity to benchmark themselves to peers (the individual reports of March 2017 were anonymised).

To be clear, the data you had specifically requested will be included in the Autumn report (even if it is not in the form of the raw data, which is potentially far too large in volume to publish).

Review rights

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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