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By email
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Dear ██████████

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

I refer to your email of 6 December 2017 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority have been 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 am doing a research on assessing England hospitals efficiency. This research requires hospital data in the period from 2006 - 2016, including:

Financial statement and income statement of each NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts. I have tried to find this (key words are: "NHS foundation trust accounts" and "NHS trust accounts") but there still omitted data for NHS trusts from 2006 - 2013; likewise no data available for NHS foundation trusts from 2006 - 2009.

Therefore, could you please help my by providing financial data of NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts. Besides, please support me if you have any demographic information for each region in England from 2006 - 2016 (Birthrate; number or percentage of obesity, drinking and smoking; average income).”

Decision

NHS Improvement holds some of the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement has decided that the information that it holds is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act provides an exemption from the right to know if the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant through other means.

NHS trusts and NHS foundations trusts are under statutory obligations to produce annual reports and annual accounts. This information is published on their websites. Details of the the relevant websites can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx>

NHS Improvement does not hold the demographic information you have requested. You may wish to contact NHS Digital who may hold some of this information. Their FOI contact address can be found on their website:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/article/253/Freedom-of-Information>

You may also find some of the following links to be useful:

- [Government Statistics](#)
- [Government Statistics – Pregnancy and Birth Profiles](#)
- [NHS Digital – Statistics on Obesity, Physical Activity and Diet - England, 2017](#)
- [NHS Digital – Statistics on Smoking, England 2017](#)
- [Office for National Statistics – Population and migration](#)
- [Office for National Statistics – Income and Wealth](#)

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