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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 **5 November 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act. Please note that since 1 April 2016, the NHS Trust Development Authority (the TDA) has been operating as part of an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means the TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

“I was hoping to find out about the development of NHS Trust Boards.

Specifically:

- 1. Is it mandatory to have nursing and medical representation on the Board?*
- 2. How long have nurses been on Trust Boards?*
- 3. How long have doctors been on Trust Boards?*
- 4. How long has HR been on Trust Boards?”*

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information you have requested and has decided to release all of the information it holds. The answers to your questions are set out below.

Answer

Regulation 4(1) of the National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 1990 states that the executive directors of a NHS trust must include a medical or dental practitioner and a nurse or registered midwife. This requirement does not apply where the NHS trust does not provide services directly to patients, or where its principal function is to provide ambulance or patient transport services.

Regulation 4 first came into force on 9 November 1990 and has subsequently been amended by S.I. 2002/881 and S.I.2004/1771.

There is no requirement for "HR" to be represented on the Board of an NHS trust.

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