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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 4 May 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.

Your request

On 4 May 2017, you made the following request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following data on NHS agency spend:

- 1. Actual monthly agency expenditure across NHS trusts from September 2015 to September 2016?*
- 2. Predicted trend of agency expenditure prior to agency controls?*

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/news-alerts/agency-caps-one-year-600m-saved-nhs-spending-still-too-high/> - I have seen these graphs at the bottom of this webpage on your website and would like the excel information sitting behind these.

You clarified on 15 May 2017 that the request is for the aggregate information from the graphs in the link above set out in an excel format.

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement has decided to withhold the information on the basis of the exemption in section 21 of the FOI Act, as explained in detail below.

Section 21 – information accessible by other means

Section 21 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt from disclosure if it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Although the format in which the information is published is different to that requested, the information is available on our public website and is reasonably accessible to you.

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,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MA' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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