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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 **11 May 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS TDA are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the NHS TDA.

Your request

You made the following request:

“Can you please provide the following information regarding NHS spend on Agency staff, broken down by:

Job role ie Nurse or Physiotherapist

Speciality within each job role ie General Nurse or Mental Health nurse Band ie Band 5 or 6

Spend per job role ie NHS spend on band 5 Mental health nurses Shown monthly for the Period Jan 2016 - April 2017”

Decision

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

NHS Improvement does not hold details of NHS spend on agency staff broken down per job role and specialty within each job role. However, further to our duty to provide advice and assistance under section 16 of the FOI Act, please find below a table setting out NHS spend on agency staff in respect of Quarters 1 to 3 of the Financial Year 2016/17, broken down into the categories of ‘Qualified Nursing’, ‘Medical’ and ‘Other’.

	YTD Q3	YTD Q2	Q3 (YTD 3- YTD 2)
Permanent	33,702,557	22,389,200	11,313,357
- Qualified Nursing	10,164,834	6,704,344	3,460,490
- Medical	8,247,082	5,459,289	2,787,793
- Other	15,290,640	10,225,566	5,065,074
Agency	2,221,874	1,513,651	708,223
- Qualified Nursing	722,923	490,863	232,060
- Medical	790,822	530,698	260,124
- Other	708,129	492,091	216,038

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,



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