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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 October 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA) are 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 would like to request the following under FOIA

In relation to the “Joint Quarterly working dinner between NHSI & KPMG colleagues” which appears on Bob Alexander’s hospitality register. I would like to see

- 1. Any available correspondence (emails, I assume) relating to the first of these quarterly dinners*
- 2. Any available correspondence relating to the 23/3/2017 dinner”*

Decision

NHS Improvement holds the information that you have requested.

NHS Improvement has decided to withhold some of the information that it holds on the basis of the applicability of the exemptions in section 40 of the FOI Act, as explained in detail below.

Section 40 (personal information)

NHS Improvement considers that some of the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act on the grounds that it amounts to personal data and that the condition set out in section 40(3)(a)(i) is satisfied namely that disclosure would amount to a breach in personal data protection principles. This is an absolute exemption and

consideration of the public interest test is not required. The redacted information contains personal data of staff whom are neither senior staff nor staff in public-facing roles, and they would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed.

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 and the attached information 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