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By email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of 11 May 2017 in which you requested an internal review of NHS Improvement’s decision dated 10 May 2017. This decision letter responded to your request under the FOI Act dated 7 April 2017 set out below:

“Dear NHS Improvement,

1. Information on the basis for determining that chronic fatigue syndrome is a mental health disorder - from 2016-2017.

2. Information on the basis for determining that chronic fatigue syndrome is a biological disease - from 2016-2017.

For your information I have attached a copy of the referenced statement by the Director of the USA National Institute of Health on the latest biological research on the disease chronic fatigue syndrome.”

Decision

On 10 May 2017, NHS Improvement responded that it did not hold the requested information.

We have now conducted a review of that decision and the original decision has been upheld. NHS Improvement does not hold, and therefore cannot provide, the requested information.

Review rights

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can

be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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