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Dear [REDACTED],

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

I refer to your letter of 23 February 2018, received by NHS Improvement on 26 February 2018, in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority have been 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 write to you with the request that you please provide a list of members (names and usual job role) of the high cost devices steering group, or any other affiliated group that has taken over responsibility for recommending which devices should be included or removed from the high cost devices list.

In addition to the above request, may you also provide the following documents outlined below:

- *Please provide the dates of the forthcoming meetings of the group mentioned above*
- *Please provide copies of minutes of the last 3 meetings of the group mentioned above”*

Decision

NHS Improvement holds some of the information that you have requested and, subject to the redaction of personal information, has decided to release that material.

Steering Group Membership

Name	Job title	Organisation
[REDACTED]	Information not held	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
[REDACTED]	Information not held	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
[REDACTED]	Information not held	Association of British Healthcare Industries
[REDACTED]	Information not held	Greater Manchester Academic Health Science Network
Lee Rowlands	Information not held	Manchester University NHS FT
[REDACTED]	Information not held	Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital NHS FT
Ken Dunn	Information not held	University Hospitals South Manchester NHS FT
[REDACTED]	Information not held	NICE
Jonas Akuffo	Pricing Analysis Lead	NHS Improvement Pricing team
[REDACTED]	Clinical and Sector Relations Manager	NHS Improvement Pricing team
[REDACTED]	Information not held	NHS Digital
[REDACTED]	Information not held	NHS Digital
Jayne Harding	Senior Classifications Specialist	NHS Digital
[REDACTED]	Innovations Lead	NHS England Innovation team
Justine Stalker-Booth (joined in November 2017)	Assistant Director of Finance, Commissioning	NHS England Specialised Commissioning
Stephen Fenton	Pricing Development Manager (Governance)	NHS England Pricing team (Chair)
[REDACTED]	Information not held	NHS England Pricing team (Secretariat)

I consider some of the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act on the grounds that it amounts to personal data and the first condition under section 40(3)(a)(i) is satisfied, namely, that disclosure would amount to a breach of the first data protection principle (personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully) as the individuals concerned would have a reasonable expectation that their information would not be disclosed into the public domain. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and consideration of the public interest test in disclosure is not required.

Dates of the forthcoming meetings

- Early Apr 2018
- Late Jun 2018

Copies of minutes of the last 3 meetings

The information requested is not held by NHS Improvement.

The last meeting of the steering group was hosted by NHS England as they are now responsible for facilitating and managing the steering groups for both high cost drugs and devices. Please refer your request to NHS England via the contact details provided below.

For postal requests, please send to the following address:

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

Email requests should be sent to england.contactus@nhs.net

Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

The previous two meetings of the steering group were hosted by NHS Digital. Please refer your request to NHS Digital via the contact details provided below.

For postal requests, please send to the following address:

Information Governance Compliance Team
NHS Digital
1 Trevelyan Square
Boar Lane
Leeds
LS1 6AE

Email requests should be sent to enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

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,

Helen Laing

Director of Operations and Clinical & Sector Relations