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By email

Dear [REDACTED],

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

I refer to your email of 2 March 2018 in which you requested an internal review of NHS Improvement’s decision dated 2 March 2018 in relation to your FOI Act request dated 2 February 2018 in which you made the following request:

“This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would prefer to receive any information in electronic format at this email address.

- 1. Please provide me with a list of all NHS acute trusts and NHS foundation trusts in England and Wales, along with the following information: physical address, number of inpatient beds, and name of CEO. Please provide this data in a machine-readable file format (e.g. RDF, XML, JSON)*
- 2. Please indicate which of the above trusts or foundation trusts have adult or paediatric neurosurgical departments.”*

Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the TDA.

Decision

Section 21 provides an exemption from disclosure if the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant through other means. This is an absolute exemption which

means there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test if the requested information is exempt.

A list of NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts, their physical addresses and names of their CEOs can be found on the links below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-foundation-trust-directory/nhs-foundation-trust-directory>

Details for the number of inpatient beds has been published by NHS England. This can be found on the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/winter-daily-sitreps/winter-daily-sitrep-2017-18-data/>

A list of neurological centres in the UK can be found on the following link:

<https://www.brainandspine.org.uk/neurological-centres-in-the-uk>

Please note that NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts are subject to the FOI Act and as such it is open to you to seek information directly from them.

I have now conducted a review of that decision and the original decision has been upheld.

NHS Improvement does not hold all of the information requested and is not responsible for maintaining it. However, further to our duty under section 16 of the FOI Act to provide advice and assistance, we provided links to sources containing the information requested that is publicly available.

It may also assist you to know that NHS Digital would be best placed to provide the information requested. Details of how to submit an FOI request to NHS Digital can be found on the following link:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/article/253/Freedom-of-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,

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