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Dear ██████████

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

We refer to your email of 24 May 2020 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:

- (1) *“How many contracts have been direct awarded under PPN 1 2020*
- (2) *How contracts have been direct awarded under PPN 1 2020*
- (3) *Of those contracts how many have been virtual clinics/ on line consultations / on line doctor surgeries and*
 - a) *What are the name of the suppliers*
 - b) *Value of each contract or extension*
 - c) *How long is each contract/ extension”*

Decision

Please see our responses to your questions below.

Question 1

Information Note PPN 01/20 March 2020 is not a mechanism to award public contracts. The PPN sets out information and associated guidance on the public procurement regulations and responding to the current coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak.

Question 2

As noted in the response to question one, contracts are not awarded under Procurement Policy Notices.

In relation to public contracts awarded by NHS Improvement (i.e. NHS Trust Development Authority and Monitor) as part of the NHS COVID-19 response, Contract Award Notices for those contracts shall be published in due course, in accordance with PCR 2015, either on UK Contracts Finder or Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) (as appropriate).

Question 3

Noting the response to questions one and two above, for clarity, NHS Improvement has not awarded any contracts for virtual clinics / on line consultations / on line doctor surgeries, without competition, in response to COVID-19.

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, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London SE1 6LH 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,

NHS Improvement