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By email
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Dear ██████████

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

We refer to your email of 24 April 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) *“I would like to know the full cost for the planning, design, build, conversion, fitting out, equipping and any associated cost of the NHS Nightingale Hospitals across the country. Broken down by site where possible.*
- 2) *I would also like to know the full budgeted running cost for these NHS Nightingale hospitals (by site where possible) including the rental of any equipment or supplies, utilities, security cost, rates and rent and staffing.*
- 3) *I would also like to know budgeted amounts for the conversion of these facilities back to their original state, again broken down by site where possible.”*

Decision

NHS Improvement holds some of the information you have requested and has decided to withhold all of the information it holds under section 43 of the FOI Act.

Questions 1 and 2

The total set up costs for all seven Nightingale sites is around £220 million.

We confirm we hold a breakdown of how the £220 million is broken down per site an estimate for the running costs for the NHS Nightingale hospitals but are withholding this information under section 43(2) of the FOI Act.

Section 43(2) provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

NHS Improvement considers that disclosure of the costs would be likely to harm the commercial interests of the various suppliers who use the sites currently being used by the hospitals. NHS Improvement considers disclosure would enable competitors to use such information to their advantage to the detriment of the suppliers' legitimate commercial interests.

We have considered the public interest test in transparency of how NHS Improvement carries out its statutory functions and are satisfied that, in this instance, we consider there is a stronger public interest in withholding this information at this point in time.

Question 3

The information requested is not held by NHS Improvement.

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