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13 January 2012

Dear Rosemary,

Thank you for your queries following your FOI request which we responded to on 13 December 2011.

You asked about the remit of NHS London. As the Strategic Health Authority for London, the organisation has overall responsibility for the performance of trusts in London, as well as a role to play in helping trusts to achieve foundation status. You can read more about our role on our website: www.london.nhs.uk

NHS London does not provide health and medical services directly to patients. This is why when you requested information in relation to a specific diagnosis following a urinary test we suggested you contact the hospital where the diagnosis was made. They are best placed to provide information about the particular strain or type of bacteria identified. We do not hold this information and cannot request it for you as this is not within our remit.

You also made a number of more general enquiries about E Coli, including its symptoms and treatment. We suggest these concerns are discussed further with the patient's GP, or the consultant treating the patient, to ensure that the advice received is tailored to the patient's specific needs and interests.

Finally, you asked about the future of NHS London. Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs) and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) will be abolished by April 2013. Instead, local Clinical Commissioning Groups made up of GPs, hospital doctors and nurses and other specialists, will take charge of commissioning services for their local population. They will be held to account by an independent [NHS Commissioning Board](#).

I hope this information is helpful, however I should advise that you have the right to complain about this response by reference to this Authority's complaints procedures, in which case you should write to the Chief Executive, Ruth Carnall, NHS London, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QT requesting an internal review.

If you remain dissatisfied with the Authority's decision following your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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For your information we are considering publishing all FOI requests and responses on the NHS London website www.london.nhs.uk and so this response might be published at a later date.

Yours sincerely

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