

1 June 2020

David Johnson

By email

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Dear Mr Johnson

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

We refer to your email of 30 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:

“I write in respect of Exercise Cygnus; the NHS England led simulation which looked at the impact of an influenza pandemic upon the United Kingdom.

Please provide a list of all the organizational participants in the exercise, as well as a short summary in respect of each such participant which sets out the purpose and scope of their participation.”

Decision

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested.

We suggest you refer your request to the Department of Health & Social Care who may hold the information you require. Contact details can be found in the link provided below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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