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Postal Address

NEL CSU
1 Lower Marsh
Waterloo
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SE1 7NT

Website Address

www.nelcsu.nhs.uk

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If you feel that we have not met the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 2000*, you should contact the FOI Team at NELCSU.foi@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can ask us to review our decision by making a written request for an internal review. In order to assist with the review, you should include your address, a description of the original request and the reasons why you are dissatisfied. Please send this to:

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The review will be handled by more senior staff who were not involved in the original decision. Although this will not apply to Section 36 claimed exemptions in accordance with Department of Health Directive, your request will still be reviewed. We aim to complete all internal reviews within 20 working days. If you then wish to appeal you should contact the Information Commissioner for an independent review at the following address:

Telephone

01625 545745

Postal Address

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Website Address

www.ico.gov.uk

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