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Dear Mr Moffat

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1105488**

Thank you for your request dated 6th November 2017 in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

*“Details of Capped Expenditure Process (CEP) for Staffordshire*

*As a member of the public in an healthcare region that is to have a CEP applied (Staffordshire) I am deeply concerned that the details of how these savings are to be made is currently secret. I request that as a tax payer, and therefore funder of the NHS, I am fully appraised of the specific changes to services in Staffordshire that are going to be applied as a result of the application of the CEP.”*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DH does not hold the information you requested.

As happens prior to the start of every financial year, the NHS was asked by this Department to develop a plan for balancing NHS budgets in 2017/18. As part of their plan, NHS England and NHS Improvement have designed and implemented the capped expenditure process (CEP), and have lead responsibility for it. This process was one of a series of measures that were used to help local NHS organisations to develop balanced financial plans for the year. Therefore the results of these measures are embedded in local plans.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

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response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

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Yours sincerely,

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