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Charlotte Hart

**By email**

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Dear Ms Hart

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

We refer to your email of 27 January 2021 in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

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 am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the information in this report - Reference costs 2017/18: highlights, analysis and introduction to the data published in November 2018 found using the following link- [https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/1972/1\\_-\\_Reference\\_costs\\_201718.pdf](https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/1972/1_-_Reference_costs_201718.pdf) On page 5 of this report under Acute Services, there is a cost provided for Excess Bed days for 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18.*

*However, in the new version of this document Reference Costs 2018/19: highlights, analysis, and introduction to the data published in January 2020 found using the following link [https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/1\\_-\\_NCC\\_Report\\_FINAL\\_002.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/1_-_NCC_Report_FINAL_002.pdf) the same information on excess bed days is not published for 18/19. Would it be possible if you could provide the updated cost for an Excess bed day for 18/19 and if available the updated cost for 19/20?*

*Could you also possibly provide any up to date information on the total cost of excess bed days in the NHS and if possible could this data be split by trust?”*

### **Decision**

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

NHS England and Improvement are moving towards a single cost collection at a patient level as part of the Costing Transformation Plan.

Since 2018-19 the collection of NHS services from the acute sector (where all excess bed days were reported historically) has been mandated at a patient level and unfortunately it isn't possible to collect excess bed day costs as part of the patient level cost collection, so that data is no longer available.

### **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 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](mailto:nhsi.foi@nhs.net).

Yours sincerely,

**NHS Improvement**