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Dear Mr Wicker

Re: IT support services -National Expert Panel on New and Emerging Infections (NEPNEI)

Thank you for your email dated 25 January 2012 addressed to NEPNEI regarding IT support services and its hardware and maintenance costs. In accordance with section 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can confirm that NEPNEI does not hold the information you have requested.

NEPNEI does not have any hardware dedicated to it. Members provide and use their own personal IT hardware and no funding is provided for this. IT support to the NEPNEI Secretariat is provided by Health Protection Agency and the Department of Health IT support systems as part of their overall core functions and it is not possible to separate out the minute fraction that is attributable to NEPNEI support functions from within those overall costs.

I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer them in the first instance to myself. If you are dissatisfied with this response and would like a copy of the HPA complaints procedure then please contact Mr George Stafford, Complaints Manager at: Health Protection Agency, 61 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5EQ.

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Yours sincerely,

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