

By email



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Dear Mr Wicker

#### **Re: Breakdown Costs for Rapid Review Panel IT Services**

Thank you for your request of the 25 January 2012 in which you request information on Rapid Review Panel hardware maintenance and costs. I confirm in accordance with section 1 (1) (a) of the Act that the Health Protection Agency does not hold the information specified in your request.

However, under section 16 of the Act, we have a duty to also provide advice and assistance regarding your request. I have contacted the Secretariat for the Rapid Review Panel and have been informed that the Rapid Review Panel is an independent scientific advisory committee which has no base or facilities such as IT hardware of its own.

Additionally, the Secretariat for the Rapid Review Panel is provided by the HPA Public Health Strategy Division, Victoria. Support services, including IT hardware, are shared with many different entities and individuals on this site. As a result, we are not able to provide details of the share of facilities used solely by the Rapid Review Panel Secretariat

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 Health Protection, Agency, 61 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5EQ.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the HPA complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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