



## Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Lind,

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1231448**

Thank you for your request dated 4 June in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*“Dear Department of Health and Social Care,  
I request in Excel file the pay and non pay budget for the communications team of the NIHR Clinical Research Network for financial years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20 and 20/21. I request the pay budget include a breakdown of each position title, banding (including spine point if on an NHS contract) and cost which is all unidentifiable information. I'm aware the details of the post occupiers are outside of FYI under pay threshold and am not requesting this information.  
The non pay budget should also list individual transactions made in the year, including year to date.”*

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

DHSC has the information you have requested. Please note that some of this information has been withheld under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, which provides for the protection of personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information, as doing so would contravene data protection principles.

Please see the table attached to the email accompanying this letter.

The information for 2020/21 is actual expenditure for 2 months, and then forecasted/budgeted figures for the rest of the year. The previous years are actual expenditure.

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.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you

have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns>

Yours sincerely,

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