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Dear Mr Watts,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1271229

Thank you for your request dated 11 November 2020 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“1. a) Please state DoHSC position on individuals requesting sight of the costs for their individual care with Private Healthcare Companies when this is commissioned via NHS (as identified in Health Social Care Act Regulation 9).

b) Please state whether DoHSC understands commissioning of services for individuals with Private Healthcare Providers as ‘Personal Data’ of the individual and therefore covered by Data Protection Act

2. Please confirm

a) the total amount for total costs NHS paid to Private Healthcare Companies for Mental Health Services for Financial Years 16/17, 17/18, 18/19, 19/20;

b) please identify the top 5 Private Healthcare Provider recipients of NHS funding for MH Services for each of the FY’s identified

3. Please identify:

a) Total amounts NHS has attempted to recover for failures in provision of Mental Health services commissioned from Private Healthcare Providers by above FY’s

b) Total amount actually recovered in relation to a)

(It is recognised that a) b) may only be available as single set of data)

4. Please confirm DoHSC current position on recovering costs for MH Services from Private Healthcare Providers where the standard of services delivered is shown to fall below the standards expected (ie considering both clinical and contractual perspectives)”

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

DHSC does not hold the information you requested. You may wish to contact NHS England (NHSE) and NHS Improvement (NHSI) directly, as they may hold the information you have requested. They can be contacted directly at england.contactus@nhs.net and nhsi.foi@nhs.net respectively.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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