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Dear Mr Collingbourne

Request for information

I refer to your email of 31 January 2009, and to your subsequent correspondence with my colleagues Sharon Hunter and John Vallance, regarding your request for a copy of all data provided to Monitor by means of the quarterly financial monitoring returns supplied by NHS foundation trusts for the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

You have expressed a preference for receiving this information as a database export in a non-proprietary, unencrypted electronic format customarily used for electronic data exchange other than PDF such as CSV. In your email of 22 February 2009, you indicated that Microsoft Excel format would be acceptable to you in relation to periods for which the information is not held by Monitor on a Microsoft Access database.

You have also asked that the information be supplied to you by uploading it to the www.whatdotheyknow.com website using the link provided by you in your email of 13 February 2009 to John Vallance.

Decision

I have decided to give you full access to the information that you have requested.

The documents containing the information are as set out in the Annex to this letter. The relevant documents will be uploaded to the www.whatdotheyknow.com website in accordance with your request.

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- (1) As you will see, we have supplied the information contained in the Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 databases to you in the form of the Q4 aggregate database. In addition to the information in respect of the Q4 returns, the Q4 aggregate database contains all of the data in the Q1, Q2 and Q3 databases and to convey the latter separately would simply duplicate that information.
- (2) As specified Sharon Hunter's email to you of 19 February 2009, Monitor currently loads the data from each quarterly financial return supplied in Microsoft Excel format into an Oracle / Hyperion financial management database and also into a Microsoft Access database. Monitor ensures both systems report the same numbers as a check. These systems have developed between the 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years and the same process has not used throughout this period. For this reason, the data relating to the financial period 2005/06 is held in Microsoft Excel format.

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 can try and resolve this informally with the person who dealt with your request. If you remain dissatisfied, you may seek an internal review within Monitor of the issue or the decision. A senior member of Monitor 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 conducted by Monitor, you may complain to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the FOI Act.

Further information about the review process is set out in Monitor's Publication Scheme available at www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Annex

<u>Document number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	2006/07 Q4 Aggregation	CSV	Full Access
2.	2007/08 Q4 Aggregation	CSV	Full Access
3.	Barnsley Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
4.	Basildon Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
5.	Bournemouth Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
6.	Bradford Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
7.	Cambridge Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
8.	Chester Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
9.	Chesterfield Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
10.	Derby Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
11.	Doncaster Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
12.	Frimley Park Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
13.	Gateshead Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
14.	Gloucester Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
15.	Guys Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
16.	Harrogate Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
17.	Heart of England Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
18.	Homerton Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
19.	Lancashire Teaching Q4	Microsoft Excel	Full Access

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20.	Liverpool Womens Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
21.	Moorfields Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
22.	Papworth Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
23.	Peterborough Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
24.	QVH Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
25.	RDE Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
26.	RNHRD Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
27.	Rotherham Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
28.	Royal Marsden Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
29.	Sheffield Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
30.	STHCT Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
31.	Stockport Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
32.	Sunderland Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
33.	UCLH Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access
34.	UHB Q4 2005/06	Microsoft Excel	Full Access