

8 August 2014

Darryl Magher

By email

request-220711-3da2fb42@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Magher

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”)

I refer to your email of 18 July 2014 in which you requested information under the FOI Act.

Your request

You made the following request:

Under the rights of FOI please may I ask for the following information:

- 1. How many NHS staff are currently on suspension?*
- 2. What grade are these staff?*
- 3. How long have they been on suspension?*
- 4. Any outcomes?*

Costs of these suspensions to date?

Decision

Monitor does not hold the information that you have requested.

Monitor is the sector regulator of NHS-funded health care services, our main duty being to protect and promote the interests of patients by regulating the provision of health care services to ensure it is effective, efficient and economic, and maintains and improves the quality of services. We continue to assess NHS trusts for foundation trust status and license foundation trusts to ensure they are well-led, in terms of both quality and finances. We also set prices for NHS-funded care; enable integrated care; safeguard choice and prevent anti-competitive behaviour which is against the interests of patients; and support commissioners to protect essential health services for patients if a provider gets into financial difficulties. More information on our role can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/monitor/about>.

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 to 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's 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 FOI Act.

A request for an internal review should be submitted in writing to FOI Request Reviews, Monitor, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG or by email to foi@monitor.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Rhodes', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Jayne Rhodes

Senior Regional Manager