

6 November 2012

Mr P Jones

Sent by e mail

Dear Mr Jones

Freedom of Information Act request

Thank you for your e mail dated 5 November 2012 to Sir Ian Carruthers OBE regarding the FOI request you have made.

Following the issuing of the Decision Notice by the Information Commissioner, the South West Strategic Health Authority sought clarification on the findings in part (b) of the Decision Notice, following their investigation of your complaint and the requirements placed on the Health Authority. This has caused a delay in our response to the Decision Notice. This has now been resolved and the South West Strategic Health Authority intends disclosing all information it holds in relation to your original request.

As we indicated, when you made your initial request, there are a considerable number of documents which will form very large files electronically. I would be grateful if you could confirm the method which we can use to supply you with the documents. A postal address to receive hard copies would be the most beneficial, but we can supply PDF versions of the documents, but these will be either quite large files or a number of files. Can you confirm that you will be able to receive these electronically?

We are currently processing the documents and intend to send these to you by 12 November 2012.

The Information Commissioner has also confirmed that the Decision Notice only relates to information held by the South West Strategic Health Authority and does not require it to disclose information held by other NHS organisations, such as the Primary Care Trusts involved in the SBS proposals.

Yours sincerely



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