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By email [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of **1 March 2017** in which you requested information under the FOI Act from NHS Improvement. Since 1 April 2016, Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority (“TDA”) are operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and TDA.

**Your request**

You made the following request:

*“May you please tell me roughly how many Ahp’s are accounted for of the total NHS workforce?”*

And

*“Initially I did want figures for the UK as we also work with Trusts in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland as well as England.”*

**Decision**

NHS Improvement does not hold the information that you have requested.

NHS Digital hosts a national workforce database known as the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) which could hold information relevant to your request. The ESR allows users to access all workforce statistics including data on allied health professionals. Although NHS Improvement has some access to this database, we have not accessed, downloaded or saved the data you have requested and therefore does not hold this information. Further information on the type of data collected by NHS Digital is available on the organisation’s website at <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/workforce> and contact details for NHS Digital are below.

*Advice and assistance provided under section 16 of the FOI Act*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act, NHS Improvement is required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request to it under the FOI Act.

As NHS Digital hosts the ESR data set, you may wish to contact the organisation directly to request this information, by email at [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk), or by post:

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**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 NHS Improvement of the issue or the decision. A senior member of NHS Improvement'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, 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, NHS Improvement, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG or by email to [nhsfoi@nhs.net](mailto:nhsfoi@nhs.net).

**Publication**

Please note that this letter will shortly be published on our website. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the FOI Act is disclosed to the public at large. We will, of course, remove your personal information (e.g. your name and contact details) from the version of the letter published on our website to protect your personal information from general disclosure.

Yours sincerely,



**Pete Sinden**  
Chief Information Officer