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**By email**

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email of **14 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 have been operating as an integrated organisation known as NHS Improvement. For the purposes of this decision, NHS Improvement means Monitor and the TDA.

**Your request**

You made the following request:

*“I would like to receive details of any planning work that has been carried out to understand the possible impact of Brexit on IT systems operated by or behalf of NHS Improvement, including any relevant arms-length bodies.*

*Planning work could include internal investigations, seeking advice from other government bodies, external consultancy, systems testing or development.*

*By 'impact' I mean modifications to existing IT systems, and/or development of new systems, required to enact any changes to government policy that might result from Britain's departure from the EU.*

*Please could you let me have:*

- 1. Details of any such planning work carried out to date, and which IT system(s) it relates to*
- 2. Any advice the organisation has received, as a result of this planning work, about actions it may need to take to ensure its IT systems are ready for Brexit, including estimated costs if available*
- 3. An indication of whether the organisation has already undertaken these actions, is planning to undertake them, or is considering them pending further information.”*
- 4.*

## **Decision**

NHS Improvement is an active member of the National Information Board and ALB community. It has in place policies and practices to manage its information in line with evolving standards and with embedded management and processes to ensure healthcare, financial and other data are managed appropriately.

Given the controls over health data, where possible NHSI had agreed to adopt a UK-centric approach to cloud storage independently of Brexit.

Given this, we believe the impact of Brexit to be limited regarding existing practices and systems.

## **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 [nhsi.foi@nhs.net](mailto:nhsi.foi@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,



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