

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

FOI 3452

Control totals

Please can you provide the following financial information for the trust under Freedom of Information laws:

1. The financial 'control total' that the trust has been asked to sign up to for 2016-17. This number was sent to trusts by Monitor/TDA in mid-January, and asked for a response by February 8. Please provide the number stated by Monitor/TDA in their letter.
2. The trust's draft surplus/deficit plan **before** the above letter was received.
3. If the trust has now agreed a control total for 2016-17, please state what it is (if different to 1.)
4. If it is not agreed, please state the figure requested by the trust.
5. Has the trust been allocated any 'transformation' funding for 2016-17? If so how much? (If the total is not agreed, please state the amount which has been stated initially by Monitor/TDA.)
6. Has the trust been allocated any 'sustainability' funding for 2016-17? If so how much? (If the total is not agreed, please state the amount which has been stated initially by Monitor/TDA.)

I can confirm we hold some of the information relevant to you request.

However, it is being withheld under Section 22, which states that public bodies are not obliged to disclose information that is intended for future publication. The Department of Health intends to release the data for all acute Trusts by summer 2016.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and we are required to assess as objectively as possible whether the balance of public interest favours disclosing or withholding the information. Our view that section 22 applies to your request is based on the judgement that the public interest will be better served by a general publication of validated data.

In general, there is a strong public interest in information being made as freely available as possible. However, we also recognise a strong public interest in publication in line with the planned timeframe, as this will give sufficient time to validate the data and format it for publication.