

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

### Decision notice

**Date:** 29 July 2024

**Public Authority:** NHS England

**Address:** Quarry House  
Leeds  
LS2 7UE

#### **Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from NHS England on 15 April 2024:

"I am writing to you in accordance with the Freedom of information act 2000 to request the following information:

The meeting minutes and attendees present regarding the decision to close the Practitioner Health Program to new referrals for secondary care doctors – I would like this to cover any meetings in the last 365 day[s] which involves the above service cessation.

In addition, I would like confirmation whether an impact/risk assessment was conducted to assess the impact on secondary care doctors regarding halting this service, and if conducted I would like [to] receive a copy of this."

#### **Commissioner's Decision:**

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

**Steps:**

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

**Right of Appeal:**

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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