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Mr Peter Collingbourne



30 January 2009

Dear Mr Collingbourne,

Thank you for your email of 11 January requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act, data collected from TRU and TFR spreadsheets. I have been asked to reply.

The data you have requested is enclosed on a CD due to the size of the files.

There are several files on the CD, six of which are Text files (*.txt). These represent the actual data, which the Department has exported from its Financial Information Management System (FIMS). The files are in comma separated value (CSV) format as requested by you.

The data is encrypted using the Department's standard encryption package. Therefore, the CD contains a password protected executable file which needs to be run in order to extract the files within. This package can be extracted on any Windows workstation.

Please email Gregg Calter-Quartermain at: Gregg.Calter-Quartermain@dh.gsi.gov.uk, or Duncan Boud at: duncan.boud@dh.gsi.gov.uk to obtain the password. This will ensure that the Department can confirm their safe delivery.

The filenames indicate the year and type of collection for each data set. For example, 0506TAC.txt is the data from the 2005-06 TAC (final accounts) collection.

The Department has also included a list of organisation codes and names to assist in identifying the data (also a Text file), and copies of blank Excel schedules for each of the six collections so that you may identify the full meaning of each data line using the "datarow" and "datacolumn" fields in the data. However, please note that the Excel files provided are versions published from the system for the collection – these are sent to NHS bodies for completion before importing, therefore any figures in these files are for working purposes and may have been changed when the files were submitted to the Department.

Where an NHS Trust achieves Foundation Trust status part way through the year, the data represents only the part of the year that the organisation operated as an NHS Trust.

I hope you find this reply helpful.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

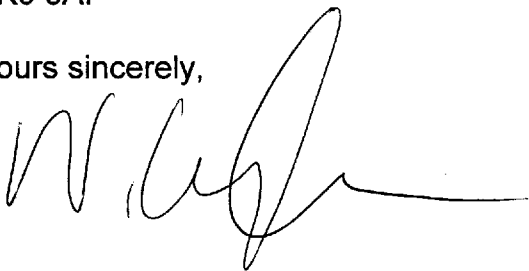
Freedom of Information Unit
Department of Health
Room 334b
Skipton House
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Email: freedomofinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Department. The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Lagkam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Customer Service Centre
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