



Our Ref: FOI 17/179

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Minh Alexander  
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Dear Minh Alexander

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

You requested information relating to an ongoing evaluation of the NHS England Whistleblower Employment Support Scheme:

- 1. Details of the KPIs referred to in the NHS England document entitled 'High Level Plan';**
- 2. All the tools that your study will be applying, including any questionnaires that will be used;**
- 3. A copy of the application for ethical approval;**
- 4. The consent documentation for participants; and**
- 5. The instrument(s) that will be used to determine value for money.**

Under Section 22A of the FOIA, the University is not obliged to provide a response if the information requested relates to an ongoing programme of research; there is an intention to publish a report of the research; and disclosure of the information at this stage would be likely to prejudice the programme of research.

The University can confirm that the information requested relates to an ongoing programme of research; that there is an intention to publish a report of the research; and disclosure at this stage would be likely to prejudice the research.

As a qualified exemption, the University must consider the Public Interest Test when making a decision to disclose or refuse information in response to an FOIA request. Although, the effectiveness of the Whistleblower Support Scheme is in the public interest, the University considers that to release the requested information before the evaluation is complete would, potentially, prejudice the outcome. Furthermore, it is the intention to publish a report of the evaluation upon completion which would serve to meet the public interest.

The University considers it has fully complied with your request, but if you wish to seek an internal review, you should do so in writing to Professor Robin Leatherbarrow, Pro-Vice-

Chancellor (Scholarship, Research and Knowledge Transfer), Liverpool John Moores University, Egerton Court, 2 Rodney Street, Liverpool, L1 2UA or by email at [R.J.Leatherbarrow@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:R.J.Leatherbarrow@ljmu.ac.uk) A full copy of the University's Freedom of Information Appeals Procedure is attached.

Once having appealed, if you are still not satisfied with our response, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has not been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part I of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner's address is: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Details on how to complain can be found on the Information Commissioner's website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

If you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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