

Dear Mr Alexander,

**Re: Freedom of Information request (Our Ref: FOI-011348)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 25 July 2016.

Your exact request was:-

**“how many days a week Dr Hughes is employed as NHS England Medical Director of NHS England Central, North and East London”**

NHS England holds information in relation to your request.

We can confirm that Dr Hughes works part time for NHS England. This role was advertised as either a full time or a part time role and the actual hours were negotiated at the point when the post was filled. As such NHS England are withholding details in respect of exact hours worked by Dr Hughes under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act which provides for the protection of personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information as doing so would contravene data protection principles.

Under the FOI Act disclosure of this information would breach the fair processing principle contained in the Data Protection Act (DPA), where it would be unfair to that person/is confidential. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test when considering disclosure of information.

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We hope this information is helpful. However, if you are dissatisfied, you have the right to ask for an internal review by writing to us, within two months of the date of this letter, to:

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