

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** 16 December 2024

**Public Authority:** North East Ambulance Service NHS  
Foundation Trust

**Address:** Bernicia House  
Goldcrest Way  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE15 8NY

#### **Decision (including any steps ordered)**

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1. The complainant has requested copies of any sections of a report that refer to specific individuals. The request was logged as FOI.24.130. The above public authority ("the public authority") initially refused to confirm or deny holding any information. It then stated that it did not hold any information as the report concerned different matters and the individuals in question were not referred to.
2. The Commissioner, who holds a copy of the report from a previous complaint, is satisfied that none of the individuals are mentioned or referred to. Consequently, the public authority could not and does not hold any information within the scope of the request.
3. The public authority did breach section 10 of FOIA as it failed to inform the complainant, within 20 working days, that it did not hold any information within the scope of the request.
4. The Commissioner does not require further steps to be taken.

## Right of appeal

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5. 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)

6. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
7. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

## Signed

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