

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190118-1129

15 February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 19 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act please.
I would like to see a copy of the agenda, minutes and papers presented to the last three meetings of the London Health and Care Strategic Partnership Board. I believe this is hosted by the London health Board, which reports to the Mayor's office.*

The main page for the Board can be found at <https://www.healthylondon.org/our-work/london-health-care-strategic-partnership-board/>. All future board papers will be published online on this page unless there is a reason for withholding or deferring publication.

Please find the information we hold within the scope of your request at https://www.healthylondon.org/resource_type/meeting-papers/. There are two papers within the scope of your request that are exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as there was a settled intention to publish at the time of your request:

1. Paper 10 of the September Board meeting is an NHS England document on London transformation funding. NHSE have said that the information, once agreed by all relevant partners, will be released by them as part of the 2019/20 planning round. We do not have a specific date, but it is likely to be in December 2018/January 2019.
2. Paper 4 of the November Board meeting. This appendix to Paper 3 is a draft London Transformation Funding Investment Framework, which will be published once approved by all partner organisations. We expect the publication of Paper 4 to be before or at the start of the next financial year (April 2018). For your reference the information will be made available on the Healthy London Partnership website www.healthylondon.org.

This information is exempt from disclosure at this time by virtue of the exemption provisions under section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act:

*Information is exempt information if—
a. the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),*

- b. the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and*
- c. it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the referred to in paragraph (a).*

Section 22 of the FOI Act acknowledges that public authorities must retain the freedom to be able to determine their own publication timetables to allow them to deal with the necessary preparation, administration and context of publications.

Section 22 (1) is a qualified exemption and therefore it is necessary to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption and withholding the information until the publication date is greater than the public interest in releasing the information before this date.

Paper 10 from the September 2017 Board meeting

In this instance, it is felt that there is a greater public interest for the NHS to keep to its original timetable. This would ensure that the data released is of sufficient quality – i.e. accurate, relevant, checked and agreed by all parties.

Paper 4 from the November 2017 Board meeting

In this instance, it is felt that there is a greater public interest for the Strategic Partnership Board to keep to its original timetable, as above. Additionally, in this case, the information will be released very soon, within two months. Given this is not a long delay, we believe that there are no overwhelming public interest test considerations that warrant disclosure of potentially inaccurate data in the interim.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA190118-1129.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>