REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2015 ("the Act")

Thank you for your request to the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 10th January 2018.

Your request

You asked for:

**Question 01:** "How many doctors at nobles have been reclassified as consultants during the last 12 months and has a decision been made to reclassify existing doctors as consultants in the next 12 months?"

**Question 02:** "Have the posts that have or intended to been approved by the Royal College during the last 12 months are any more applications going to be made for new posts?"

**Question 03:** "The doctors that or will be reclassified are they on the GMC or on the GMC GP Register"

Response to your request

We are pleased to be able to provide a response to your request with answers to your questions:

**Question 01:** How many doctors at nobles have been reclassified as consultants during the last 12 months and has a decision been made to reclassify existing doctors as consultants in the next 12 months?

1. Please find the Department’s response to **Question 01**: No doctors have been reclassified as Consultants at Noble’s Hospital in the last 12-months and there are no plans to re-classify any doctor as a Consultant. However, we are converting existing middle grade doctor locum expenditure to create a number of additional Consultant posts. We have so far established an additional four Consultant posts through this method and currently progressing with recruitment.
**Question 02:** Have the posts that have or intended to been approved by the Royal College during the last 12 months are any more applications going to be made for new posts?

Please find the Department’s response to **Question 02:** All Consultant posts are required to be approved by the respective Royal College and adherence to this requirement is fully complied with.

**Question 03:** “The doctors that or will be reclassified are they on the GMC or on the GMC GP Register”

Please find the Department’s response to **Question 03:** All doctors employed by the Isle of Man Government are registered with the General Medical Council (GMC)

**Your right to request a review**

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post to me at DHSC Freedom of Information Team, Department of Health and Social Care, Chief Executive’s Office, Crookall House, Demesne Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 3QA; Email: Foi.DHSC@gov.im. An electronic version of our complaint form can be found at [www.gov.im/foireview](http://www.gov.im/foireview). If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner’s website at [www.inforights.im](http://www.inforights.im/).

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at [www.gov.im/foi](http://www.gov.im/foi).

Yours Sincerely

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