

Question:

GP practices as employers of GP Trainees

Response:

I refer to your request for further information in relation to your previous Freedom of Information requests DOH/2026-170 and DOH/2026-173 regarding GP practices as employers of GP Trainees.

I am writing to advise you that the Department has considered your request and have provided the following information. Exemptions S40 Personal Data and S41 provided in confidence have been applied.

1. Any correspondence issued by the Department to the Director of Postgraduate General Practice Education at the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency, between 1 January 2024 and 31 July 2026, setting out the Department's position on the transfer of GP trainees to the Single Lead Employer, including any letter explaining why such a transfer cannot presently take place.



Correspondence Response from Phil
from Dr Leggett NIMRodgers to Dr Paul I

2. Any record, note, minute or file entry of the conversation referred to in the opening line of Mr Chris Wilkinson's email of 23 October 2024 (16:33), disclosed within item 2 of DOH/2026-0170.

The Department does not hold any record relating to this matter.

3. Any record concerning the meeting between the British Medical Association, the Department of Health and NIMDTA proposed in the email exchange of 25 October 2024 disclosed within item 2 of DOH/2026-0170, including any

correspondence arranging, declining or following up that proposal, and any agenda, minute, note or record of outcome of any such meeting held.

The Department does not hold any record relating to this matter.

4. Any record held by the Department concerning the agreement of the Northern Ireland GP Specialty Registrar contract, and the omission from it of the definition of a session contained in the 2002 GPC/COGPED framework for a written contract of employment.

Any records which may have existed at this time will be no longer held by the Department, having been disposed of in accordance with the records management and retention arrangements.

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