

21 February 2023

Dear

ATISN 17124 – Evidence to Doctors and Dentists Review Body

Thank you for your email to the Welsh Government for information received on 25 January regarding the Doctors and Dentists Review Body. You requested the following:

All statistical data, emails, and any other material that provides the evidence to support the 2 statements unlined below. These were made by the Welsh Government to the Doctors and Dentist Review Body and contained in the DDRB's 50th Report.

Para 7.9 The Welsh Government said that they had introduced pay continuity arrangements to ensure that existing SAS doctors did not lose out by moving onto the new contracts. They said they felt the level of uptake achieved in Wales had been positive.

*Para 7.31 Our view is that if governments temporarily ask us not to make recommendations for certain groups in order to introduce reforms to pay structures, they should be expected to ensure that pay and contract structures remain coherent and **incentivise the choices** that they wish members of our remit group to make. In this context, we welcome the pay continuity arrangements that were put in place by the Welsh Government and note that the Welsh Government have said that they have therefore seen uptake of the contracts in line with what they were expecting.*

Our response

We have checked our records and all written information held by Welsh Government was provided in our written evidence provided to Doctors and Dentist Review Body. Please find this in the attached PDF.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,