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Doctor's and Consultant's Pay and Redundancies

Thank you for your enquiry dated 8 July.

Please note we have not treated your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the FoI Act provides a right of access to recorded information held by public authorities and your questions are not requests for recorded information. The attached link from the Information Commissioner's Office provides guidance on how to make a request for information.

http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedom_of_information/practical_application/its_public_information_foi%20charter_final.pdf

You asked whether the Government will be reducing Doctor's and Consultants' pay and redundancy plans for staff in the NHS. On the former, I can confirm that the Emergency Budget announced a two year pay freeze for public sector workforces from 2011-12, except for those earning £21,000 or less, who will receive at least £250 in these years. This policy applies to workforces with Pay Review Bodies including doctors and consultants.

The Coalition Government is committed to the continuous improvement of the quality of services to patients and has guaranteed that health spending will increase in real terms in each year of the Parliament. As part of the Coalition Agreement, the Government has agreed to make the NHS more efficient including cutting the cost of NHS administration by a third and transferring resources to support doctors and nurses on the front line. Any redundancies are ultimately down to decisions by local health bodies.

If you have queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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