

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dpw.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR 680/13

6th March 2013

Dear Mr Reynolds

Thank you for your request for information under the FOI Act which was dated 11th February 2013. You asked:

"If BILL GUNNYEON, Chief medical advisor to the DWP and also a Medical Director of Capita Healthcare, has registered a "conflict of interest".

How many times did Bill Gunnyeon meet with Gordon Waddell and Mansel Aylward prior to the ATOS contract to undertake ESA examinations on behalf of DWP?

Furthermore, will Bill Gunnyeon be receiving any form of remuneration or reward, given that attractive contracts have been allocated to both, Capita and ATOS."

Dr Gunnyeon is not employed by Capita Healthcare in any capacity and thus there is no conflict of interest to register.

The Atos Healthcare Contract was awarded in February 2005. Dr Gunnyeon did not take up his appointment with the Department until 1st June 2005. ESA was introduced as a contract variation to the original contract in 2008.

Since his appointment in June 2005 Dr Gunnyeon has had no affiliation with either company and has not received any financial remuneration or reward from them.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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