



By email

Mr Paul Swain [request-62762-ac45463f@whatdotheyknow.com]

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Dear Mr Swain

I am writing with my response to your information request. In your email of 20 February 2011, you wrote:

'Could you please provide me with a list of the clinical advisers employed or used by the Ombudsman during 2010 including the following information:

- area(s) of expertise for which they are employed or used by the Ombudsman*
- education, training or experience that qualifies them to act as a clinical adviser*
- list of the complaints and investigations for which they have provided advice during 2010*

I would prefer that you provide the advisers names and GMC/HPC numbers but if this is not acceptable then please list the advisers by specialism, e.g. Cardiologist 1, Cardiologist 2 etc.

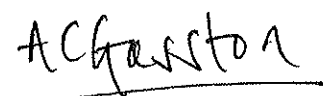
I request that you provide this information in a format that is accessible to all.'

I have provided the information which we hold in an annex. Due to the legislation which governs the Ombudsman's work¹, I am not able to provide you with a list of those complaints and investigations on which our clinical advisers provided advice. However, I have provided you with numbers of cases considered by each adviser.

¹ The Health Service Commissioners Act 1993, available online at: www.legislation.gov.uk

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A Gasston". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Aimee Gasston

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Annex A

Table providing details of independent professional advisers (IPAs) employed by PHSO and number of cases advised on, February to December 2010

IPA	Specialism	Qualifications	No. of cases
1	Anaesthetist	BSc, MBBS, FRCAnaes, GDLaw	32
2	Cardiac surgeon	MB, BS, FRCS, FETCS	30
3	Cardiologist	MB BS (Lond), BSc (Lond), MD, FRCP	35
4	Dentist	BDS	14
5	Dentist	B.D.S. (Lond) Royal Dental Hospital, London L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng)	63
6	Gastroenterologist	BMBCh, DM, FRCP	28
7	General and transplant surgeon	MBBCh, FRCS, DM	33
8	Geriatrician	BSc, MB, BS, FRCP	62
9	GP	D Av Med, FRCS, LLM (Med Law), MRCGP, MFTM RCPSG	57
10	GP	MRCGP, MBChB, Diploma in Child Health	108
11	GP	MA (Cantab) MB BCh DFFP Diploma SEM, MFSEM	107
12	GP	MB BS, MHM	59
13	GP	MBBS, MRCGP	80
14	Mental health nurse	RGN, RMN, Dip Mental Health Nursing Practice, BA (Hons) Specialist Community Mental Health	31
15	Mental health nurse	RMN; (Diploma in Group	55

		Psychotherapy & Psychodrama)	
16	Neurologist	MD, FRCP	35
17	Nurse	RN (Adult) INMP, Dip He, Dip COPD	73
18	Nurse	RN, BSc(Hons), PG cert, MSc	13
19	Nurse	MA (Health Care Law); PG.Dip; RGN	64
20	Nurse	RGN, BSc (Hons)	38
21	Nurse	RN, BSc (Hons)	69
22	Nurse	MSc. BA (Hons.) RN.	115
23	Nurse (A&E)	BSc, RGN	145
24	Obstetrics and gynaecology	MB ChB, FRCOG	100
25	Obstetrics and gynaecology	MB, chB, MBCHB FRCOG MD LLM (Medical Law)	51
26	Orthopaedic surgeon	MB ChB, FRCPS	117
27	Physician	MRCPUK, MBBCh, PGA med Ed	41
28	Physician	MD, FRCP	134
29	Physician	MD, FRCP	36
30	Physician (A&E)	MB BS, FRCP, FCEM, MRCGP, DCH, DRCOG	29
31	Physician (A&E)	MA (Cantab), MSc (Hons), MPhil MRCP (UK), FRCS (Eng)	89
32	Physician - respiratory and general medicine	MB BS, MD, FRCP	120
33	Physician (general and	MBBS, MD, Dip Asthma Care (RCGP),	23

	respiratory medicine)	FCCP	
34	Psychiatrist	MA, BM, BCh, FRCPsych	64
35	Surgeon	MD FRCS	117
36	Surgeon	BSc, MBBS, DA, FRCS (Edin), FRCS (Ire)	45