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Dear Mr Rock

Your information access request

Thank you for your email dated 16 March 2015 asking for:

(Q-1) ...if any method, scheme or system had been initiated, to collect detailed case data [where the death of a GP patient was involved] to give better understanding of Practitioner failures?

and

(Q-2) Can you give me sight of any process which would assist you in identifying failing practitioners, that was pre-emptive rather than reactive?

I've considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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I confirm the information you have requested under item Q-1 is not held.

(Q-2) Can you give me sight of any process which would assist you in identifying failing practitioners, that was pre-emptive rather than reactive?

All licensed doctors need to demonstrate to the GMC, on a regular basis, that they remain up to date and fit to practise. This process is called revalidation, and all licensed doctors need to participate as a condition of keeping their licence to practise. Revalidation is based on a continuing evaluation of a doctor's fitness to practise, through regular annual appraisal that is based on our core guidance for doctors, Good Medical Practice. Any concerns about a doctor's practice should be identified as early as possible and, where possible, addressed through relevant local clinical governance or human resources processes.

Further information about revalidation can be found on our website:

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/revalidation/9612.asp>

Who to contact

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any queries about this, or need anything further, please contact me on the details below.

If you have any queries about the way I've handled your request, please contact Julian Graves, Information Access Manager, at ~~xx~~

Yours sincerely

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