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Dear Mr Slater,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 21 April 2015.

You asked:

"The new "original" medical services contract as disclosed by the DWP (Agreement Relating To Health And Disability Assessment Services) shows the contracting parties as being:

Maximus Health And Human Services Limited and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

However, the DWP now refers to the company carrying out medical assessments as "The Centre for Health and Disability Assessments", which I believe is a Limited Company solely owned by Maximus Health & Human Services Ltd.

Q1. Has the contract been novated to The Centre for Health and Disability Assessments Limited or does it remain with Maximus Health And Human Services Limited?

Q2. If the contract has been novated have any of the terms been modified during the novation process (other than the company name)?"

In response to Q1, I confirm that the Health and Disability Assessments Service Contract has been novated to Centre for Health and Disability Assessments Limited.

In reply to Q2, I can advise that apart from the company name, none of the terms of the contract were modified during the novation process.

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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