

2 August 2021

Our ref: IR1-3114932786

Dr S Ali

**By email only to:**

Dear Dr Ali

### **Information request review**

Further to your email sent on 24 June 2021 regarding our refusal to supply information to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I have now reviewed this matter. I'm sorry for the delay in doing so.

### **Chronology**

Your original request sent by email on 13 June 2021 sought information as follows:

*Please can you provide agreements or documents, including legal opinions, between the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service and General Medical Council; in relation to general concealing / omitting / discounting / not publishing or formally documenting erroneous accusations by the GMC prosecution at Interim Order Tribunals and Medical Practitioners Tribunals.*

Simon Willis responded to your request on 24 June 2021. He provided links to the GMC's Publication and Disclosure Policy and the MPTS Guidance on Redacting Records of Determinations.

### **My review**

In your email of 24 June 2021 seeking a review of Mr Willis' response you state as follows: *'.... my request is about embarrassing information for the GMC and MPTS with the MPTS concealing GMC's false accusations at FTP hearings. Whom as joint publishers remove embarrassing information when transcripts/recording/notes would indicate this clearly should not have occurred. The information is clearly relevant to a FTP finding but is also very embarrassing for the GMC (regardless of how subtle), in GMC being found to be dishonest themselves during a hearing. It is double standards but when GMC deceit, lack of probity by the GMC has an impact on an outcome for a doctor FTP, when it is clearly in the Public interest for that information to be published. Further, often has an adverse impact on the health of practitioners in not publishing the information, this then has a negative impact upon the profession.'*

Having reviewed this matter I am in agreement with you that, whilst he has provided some information to you, Mr Willis has not answered the specific question you have posed.

Essentially you are asking for: *agreements or documents, including legal opinions in relation to general concealing / omitting / discounting / not publishing or formally documenting erroneous accusations.*

The answer to this is, as per section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, I can confirm that we hold no information within the scope of your request.

### **Further action**

Should you continue to be dissatisfied with our response you do, as you may be aware, have a further right of complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Their contact details are as follows:

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