



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

Please could I have the following documents relating to the selected Medical practitioners (SMPS) in the Ill Health retirement process between the years of 2017 - 2023:

1 All training/instructional materials supplied to or by the SMPs during the above time period

Answer –

Please find attached the Joint Guidance 2016 (Version 2) document provided to Selected Medical Practitioners (SMP) during the specified period.

2 All guidance documents supplied to or used by the SMPs during the above time period

Answer –

Please see answer to question 1.

I note that there is two documents circulating on line relating to this part of the request. One document is dated 2016 (Version 2) and the second is dated 2017 (version 3). The 2017 document has been updated with additional information and contains the terms as follows "This is the second version of this guidance and it is a living document which will be updated on a regular basis to reflect the legislation, policies, procedures and guidance. A copy of this guidance will be published on the NIPB's website."

The 2017 document is not published on the NIPB website. There is no mention of a number of recent judicial reviews in the current guidance document so therefore I am requesting the most up to date guidance document used by the Board to guide the Selected Medical Practitioners

Answer

The Joint Guidance 2016 (Version 2) is the only guidance document provided to Selected Medical Practitioners. At present and during the time period of 2017- 2023 Joint Guidance 2016 (Version 2) has not been replaced by any other versions.

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