

4 December 2023

Dear

ATISN 19285 – Doctor Contracts

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) which was received on 14 November 2023.

You referred to the Framework Agreement for the SAS Contract Reform for Wales which sets out the arrangements for implementation of the SAS Doctors' contract 2021. At Section 5 the agreement states that *"SAS doctors on national TCS will be given the opportunity to transfer to the new contracts or opt to remain on their existing contract and TCS without detriment."*

You indicated that on 14th October 2022 you received an email which suggested that the clause was time limited and applied to a window which ran between June and November 2021.

You requested:

- *To provide the documentation that supports this assertion.*

Our Response

This decision was agreed in social partnership between Welsh Government, NHS Wales Employers and BMA Cymru Wales and communicated on NHS Wales Employers website.

Please see the link to the historic webpage: [SAS contract reform 2021 | NHS Confederation](#)

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,