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Dear Dr Alexander,

RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 01/09/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. Please disclose in the last four years how many CQC Regulation Fit and Proper Persons (FPPR) referrals have been made to the Care Quality Commission about trust directors, as far as the trust is aware?**

The Trust is aware of one FPPR referral to the CQC in the last four years.

- 2. When did the CQC contact the trust about the FPPR referral on John Knighton medical director?**

The Trust received contact from the CQC on the 3rd August 2022.

- 3. Please disclose what process the trust followed after the FPPR referral was made on John Knighton medical director.**

The Trust commissioned an external review.

- 4. How did the trust review whether Dr Knighton was a fit and proper person to be a trust director?**

The Trust commissioned an external review.

5. Did the trust conduct any internal process as a part of assessing whether Dr Knighton was a fit and proper person to be a trust director?

No. The Trust commissioned an external review.

6. If so, what was the internal process? Who was responsible for carrying out the internal process? Please give their seniority and job descriptions.

N/A

7. Did the trust conduct any external process as a part of assessing whether Dr Knighton was a fit and proper person to be a trust director?

Yes, the Trust did conduct an external process.

8. If so, what was the external process? Who was responsible for carrying out the external process? What company or contractor was commissioned? Please give the dates when any FPPR investigations were carried out.

The external review was undertaken by a Kings Counsel (KC) in August 2022.

9. How much did the trust pay for any external FPPR investigation/review?

The trust paid £18,000 for the external review.

10. Has the trust incurred any legal expenses in responding to the FPPR referral? If so, please disclose what was spent on external services from law firms, whether legal services or non-legal services.

No

11. Has the trust published a summary of any of the outcome of the FPPR investigations that it has conducted on John Knighton?

If so, please share the summary.

No, the Trust have not published a summary but responded to the CQC's letter on the 24th August 2022.

12. Has Dr Knighton undergone remediation as a result of the FPPR referral or FPPR investigation? If so, please give the broad details.

No, remediation was not applicable.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team