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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012724 - Chief Executive e-mails

**Request:**

Please provide all emails sent or received by your Chief Executive on the subject of the new Junior Doctors contract. This should be from 1/2/16 to date.

This is only two months of emails to look through, and should easily fall within the costs/time limit of the FOI act.

**Response: (date range from 1.2.2016 – The date the request was received was 1.4.2016)**

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**From:** Clark, Paula  
**Sent:** 01 February 2016 18:10  
**To:** *Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Email address redacted, Name and email address redacted, Name and Email address redacted, Name and Email address redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted, Name redacted*  
**Subject:** FW: Update on junior doctor contract negotiations  
**Attachments:** Letter to *Job Title redacted* 1 February.pdf

FYI  
Paula

**From:** *Name redacted, Email address redacted*  
**Sent:** 01 February 2016 17:57  
**To:** Clark, Paula  
**Subject:** Update on junior doctor contract negotiations

Dear colleague,

You will be aware that earlier today the BMA announced that they were going ahead with their planned industrial action next week, albeit with the provision of emergency cover.

In light of this, I wanted to make you aware that I have today written to *Job Role redacted* setting out the current negotiating position.

I have attached this letter for your information and for sharing with your board.

As always, I welcome any comments or views that you or your board colleagues may have. You can email me at *Email address redacted*

Yours sincerely,

Name Redacted  
*Job Title redacted*  
*Hospital redacted*

*Address Redacted*

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**From:** Clark, Paula  
**Sent:** 16 February 2016 11:32  
**To:** *name redacted*  
**Subject:** Re: FOR APPROVAL: Media Response Junior doctors contract

What do you think of my enhanced comment? If you don't like it go with yours!

Sent from my iPad

On 16 Feb 2016, at 10:12, *name redacted* <*email redacted*>wrote:

Hi Paula

Sorry to email you on your leave but *First name and Surname Initial redacted* was keen for you to approve a response that's in your name on the junior docs' contract. **Deadline is midday today.** Stourbridge News have asked:

1. Is Paula Clark's in favour of Jeremy Hunt's proposal for a new contract?
2. What are her thoughts on this?
3. I understand NHS Foundation Trusts will not be obliged to introduce the new contract
4. How many junior doctors are on the Dudley Group books?

### **COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

In common with many chief executives, I sincerely hoped a negotiated settlement could be reached and I am disappointed this has not proved possible. Our junior Doctors continue to work incredibly hard as part of our clinical team. During the dispute, we have worked with them to ensure safe patient care and our priority is to continue to deliver high quality service to our patients.

\*\*\* ENDS \*\*\*

Many thanks

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*Job Title redacted*

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