



British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

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Information Access team
General Medical Council
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Sent by email: foi@gmc-uk.org

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the recent GMC report on suicide amongst doctors undergoing investigations, I am writing to make a request for the following anonymised information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please?

- 1. The total number of referrals made to the GMC since 1st April 2013 by the responsible officer at University of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM).**
- 2. How many of the referrals under (1) above involved doctors from an ethnic minority background?**
- 3. How many of the referrals under (1) above ended with a significant GMC finding(s) against the doctor and in how many did the GMC issue sanctions against said doctor(s)?**
- 4. Ethnicity of doctors under (3) above**
- 5. Of the doctors under (1) above, how many did UHNM disclose to the GMC as having made protected disclosures?**
- 6. How many under (5) above were from an ethnic minority background**
- 7. Of the doctors about whom UHNM did not disclose to the GMC as having made protected disclosures, how many did the GMC itself find as having made protected disclosures?**
- 8. What were the ethnicities of the doctors under (7) above?**
- 9. What were the grades of doctors under (1) above?**

I would be grateful if the above information could preferably be provided as an *electronic copy* to avoid printing. I would of course be happy to receive it in your preferred format.

Having been advised NDAs do not prohibit the provision of the generic information I have requested, and that the anonymised, untraceable data I have requested does not pose risk to breaches of confidence, I do not envisage the GMC being challenged by my request. Nonetheless, can you please revert to me at your earliest convenience with any enquiries or clarifications you may have regarding my request.

I understand that under the FOI Act the 'requester' should be advised and assisted with their request by the GMC. I look forward to your assistance. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

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I look forward to receiving your response and information within 20 working days after you receive this letter.

I would be grateful for written confirmation of receipt of this request please.

Yours faithfully

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