

**Reference Number:** FOI/LHCH/2016093  
**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** Junior Doctors contract

**Q** 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.

**A** The Trust confirms information is held, however the requested information is being withheld under section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act. Although an announcement has been made on the implementation of the junior doctors' contract, this is still very much a live policy area and section 36 continues to apply.

Section 36 (2) provides the following grounds for declining a FOI:

(b) would, or would be likely to, inhibit –

- (i) The free and frank provision of advice, or
- (ii) The free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation,

Or

(c) would otherwise prejudice, or would be likely otherwise to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.