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Further Consultant Appointments

Dear Member

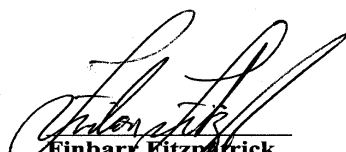
I have been informed that a number of consultants (Medical Board Chairpersons, Clinical Directors, Heads of Department etc.) were contacted by Regional and Hospital Managers last Wednesday (25th) evening regarding the prioritisation of consultant posts with a view to submitting same to the HSE as a matter of urgency. It would seem that some of these posts may be connected with the "Hundred Plus" document which was published late last year in the context of improvements in Emergency Departments.

All members are requested to refrain from assisting in any way in planning, progressing or prioritising these appointments. Hospital Management should be stridently informed that further efforts to appoint consultants under a disputed contract will lead to friction and acrimony in the years ahead.

Where necessary, Medical Boards should meet to ensure that co-operation with Management is withheld.

I will appreciate if members who have been requested to assist Management in prioritising posts would email me with the relevant details at your earliest convenience (email: f.fitzpatrick@ihca.ie).

Yours sincerely,



Finbarr Fitzpatrick
Secretary General