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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Any record of any member of support services trust catering staff 1989-1991 – during the move over to Gardner Merchant or the later move of domestic staff to SS Mediclean that any of the staff were permitted to stay in the pension – paying into the HSC Pensions and be employed by a private company?

Any investigations ongoing relating to my concerns of no advice or recommendations on staying in the HSC Pensions or advising staff to join a private pension?

Response:

Pension records are not held by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust, these are retained by the HSC Pension Service who are responsible for administering the HSC Pension Scheme. Individuals employed by a private company are not eligible for membership of the HSC Pension Scheme. HSC Pension Scheme Regulations state that a member must be employed by a HSC Organisation or an Organisation which have received Direction status from the Department of Health.

Neither the Southern Health & Social Care Trust nor HSC Pension Service offer financial advice to staff. Where an individual is seeking financial advice they are informed that neither the Trust nor HSC Pension Service is empowered to give such advice, but that they may contact an Independent Financial Adviser who is registered under the Finance and Markets Act 2000. This Act requires persons giving financial investment advice to be registered and to be accountable for any advice they give.

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