

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister inform members whether any hospital doctors are currently suspended from duty in the hospital itself and, if so, will he state the reasons for any such suspension, including when it occurred and what steps and processes have been followed by the hospital to ensure that the matter has been dealt with expeditiously and fairly in the best interests of all parties (the doctor, the hospital and the public); and will he also explain the impact any such suspension has had on patient services?

Answer

There are less than five doctors currently suspended. To avoid identifying individual cases, or prejudicing them, we cannot provide further details.

Where a concern about a consultant arises, the approach taken by Health and Community Services (HCS) is set out in the Policy for the Handling of Concerns and Disciplinary Procedures relating to the Conduct and Performance of Doctors and Dentists which is a policy agreed by the British Medical Association.

Where a consultant is excluded, the Medical Director will inform the General Medical Council and discuss the case to ensure no additional restrictions or withholding of licence to practice is required.

I can confirm that all exclusions of doctors within HCS have followed this process and that no exclusion of a doctor has had any impact on patient services.