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I refer to your e-mail received in this office on 29 March 2016 made under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 requesting release of details relating to the Hospital Consultant competitions which advertised and closed between 1 January 2015 to the end of December 2015.

In response to your request I can confirm that 148 competitions for Hospital Consultant were advertised between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015.

From those 148 competitions there were:

5 competitions where the only applicant withdrew from the process;  
14 competitions where there were no suitable candidates;  
59 recommendations.

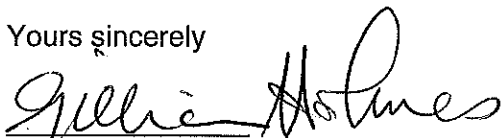
Please see attached lists:

- Number of competitions advertised
- Only applicant withdrew
- No suitable candidate
- Candidate recommended

If you are not satisfied with the level of information provided in this letter or with any aspect of my decisions in relation to the records listed in the schedule, it is open to you to have your request for information internally reviewed by this office. Requests for internal review should be submitted in writing to Ms Catherine Dobbins, Assistant Principal, F.O.I. Unit, Public Appointments Service, Chapter House, 26-30 Abbey Street Upper, Dublin 1. Such a request for review must be submitted **within four weeks** of receipt of this letter and must be accompanied by a **fee of €30**. The Public Appointments Service must complete the internal review within three weeks and the review process must normally be completed before an appeal may be made to the Information Commissioner.

However, if you have not received a reply to your application for internal review within three weeks, this is deemed to be a refusal and you may appeal direct to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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