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To: All CSS Consultants

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Dear Colleagues

Bob Pearson has this week notified all Clinical Heads of Division to review all consultant leave which would be categorised as Study/Professional. We have been directed to review all such leave and agree with the consultant concerned to cancel this leave. If leave has been authorised by Medical Staffing and expenses have been paid the Trust will reimburse these costs, but the time to attend the Course/Meeting can only be authorised at this time if the leave occurs in non DCC time, or the consultant is prepared to pay back DCC to attend the Course/Meeting.

The first phase has been the cancellation of leave already authorised by Medical Staffing.

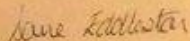
Phase 2 relates to leave which is currently in the system. The same process will apply to this leave with the exception that expenses have not been agreed.

Exceptions to the process will be leave which is deemed essential to the business/reputation of the Trust. I am aware that some colleagues have undertaken the preparation for a National meeting which is scheduled to occur over the next 3 months. I am also aware that some colleagues sit on National Commissioning bodies and similarly I would support such leave. If you have such leave in the system I would be happy to review such applications further.

I am awaiting guidance about how to proceed with new requests and expect notification shortly. This will of course be shared with you as soon as this information is available. The arrangements will only be temporary and are required to optimise productivity and reduce costs.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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