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Dear Sir Derek

BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: BERNARD GALTON

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Bernard Galton, former Director General at the Welsh Government with responsibility for Senior Recruitment and Strategic HR support to the CEO, NHS. He is seeking permission to take up a part-time, paid appointment with Sapienti Consulting (for 2 days per month).

Sapienti Consulting

When considering this application, the Committee noted that the appointment is not likely to include any contact or dealings with the Welsh Government. Mr Galton has not had any contractual or official dealings with Sapienti.

The Committee took into account that Mr Galton has not had access to any commercially sensitive information about any competitors of Sapienti. He has not been involved in the development or administration of any Welsh Government policy which affects Sapienti or its competitors or the award of grants affecting Sapienti or its competitors.

The Committee also took into consideration the views of the Welsh Government that it had no objection to the appointment.

The First Minister accepted the Committee's recommendation that the application be approved subject to the conditions that:

- Mr Galton should not draw on privileged information available to him as a Crown servant and

- for two years from his last day of service, Mr Galton should not become personally involved in lobbying the Welsh Government on behalf of his new employer or its clients.

The Business Appointment Rules define lobbying in the following way: “Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government – including Ministers, special advisers and officials – with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted”.

I should be grateful if you could ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr Galton takes up the appointment, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose). We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether he had complied with the rules.

Similarly, I should be grateful if you would inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with Sapienti as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee’s website and include the main details of the application, together with the Advisory Committee’s advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely

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