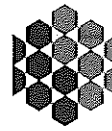


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Dear Mr McMullan

I refer to my answer to AQW39757 regarding appointments to Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs).

It has been highlighted within the Department that paragraph 2 of the answer to AQW 39757 could be potentially interpreted as implying that an LCG member could be reappointed for a period of 4 years and then have their appointment extended. In order to provide the necessary clarification paragraph 2 of my original answer should be revised as follows:-

"The term of office of members of LCGs shall be 4 years or such other period as determined by the HSCB at the time the appointments are made. District Council members may, on the termination of the term of office be eligible for re-appointment for a further period not exceeding 4 years, or the HSCB may, on the expiry of term of office, extend the appointment for such period as may appear reasonable in the particular circumstances but not exceeding 4 years".

I am sending copies of this letter to the Speaker and Members and a copy will be placed in the Assembly Library.

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