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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - MEDICAL APPEAL TRIBUNAL
RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department of Justice on the 19 March 2025, detailed below: -

Request

‘In December 2024 you advised " Department officials are currently reviewing the MAT process and once completed, plan to commence recruitment of appropriate panel members in the New Year. Once suitable panel members are appointed, the Department will convene a MAT to hear appeals.’

Please provide:

1. the start date for the recruitment process in 2025
2. the closing date for the recruitment process in 2025

3. the timeframe for training appropriate panel members at the end of the initial 2025 recruitment process
4. who will be providing the training for appropriate panel members at the end of the initial 2025 recruitment process

The response below addresses your request:

Please provide:

1. the start date for the recruitment process in 2025

The Department of Justice does not yet have a start date for this recruitment exercise.

2. the closing date for the recruitment process in 2025

The Department of Justice does not have a closing date for this recruitment exercise. However, applications for these positions must be submitted prior to the closing date of the recruitment exercise which is generally one month from when the exercise launches.

3. the timeframe for training appropriate panel members at the end of the initial 2025 recruitment process

This cannot be determined until the recruitment exercise has concluded. The appointment of suitably qualified panel members will require interviews, pre-employment checks and security checks. Once this has been completed appropriate training will be arranged for panel members.

4. who will be providing the training for appropriate panel members at the end of the initial 2025 recruitment process

Training for panel members will be arranged by the Department of Justice.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review, please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review, you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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