

**From:** Section 40(2)  
**To:** Section 40(2)  
**Cc:** Section 40(2) Section 40(2) Section 40(2) Section 40(2) Section 40(2)  
**Subject:** RE: SGM-0221-2021 - Graduate Entry Medical School -Response from Colum Boyle  
**Date:** 21 August 2021 12:08:22

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Hi Mike

Thanks for the update. Our reading of this was that TEO had previously clarified that the lead responsibility for GEMS sat with DfE in light of your policy remit in HE. If your Minister is not content then ultimately this may need to be referred back to the Executive.

Best Regards

Colum

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**From:** Brennan, Mike  
**Sent:** 20 August 2021 17:23  
**To:** Boyle, Colum Section 40(2)  
**Cc:** Cooper, Trevor Section 40(2) Armstrong, Barry  
Section 40(2) Malcolm, David Section 40(2)  
Cousins, Heather Section 40(2)  
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Colum – we will now have to take this to our Minister as clearly a key accountability question remains unresolved. I don't see how I can stand over this without an agreed political view.

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**From:** Section 40(2) On Behalf Of Boyle, Colum  
**Sent:** 20 August 2021 16:24  
**To:** Brennan, Mike Section 40(2)  
**Cc:** Cooper, Trevor Section 40(2) Armstrong, Barry  
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**Subject:** SGM-0221-2021 - Graduate Entry Medical School -Response from Colum Boyle

Mike

I know that Barry and Trevor have spoken. Clearly I cannot be the Accounting Officer for this expenditure as I do not have the vires nor is any of the funding flowing through my Department.

In addition, I have reviewed correspondence from TEO to yourself (see attached) which sets out that the primary policy responsibility sits with DfE. I also note the DoH responsibility for medical workforce planning. That is the underlying reason for the position that I have set out in my letter.

Happy to discuss further, as required.

Best Regards

Colum

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**From:** Brennan, Mike  
**Sent:** 20 August 2021 14:54  
**To:** Boyle, Colum [Section 40(2)]  
**Cc:** Cooper, Trevor [Section 40(2)]  
**Subject:** PRINTED - TO REVIEW - SGM-0221-2021 - Graduate Entry Medical School -Response from Colum Boyle

Colum – I have a problem with the first paragraph of page 2. I don't think I can allow it (Phase 1) to proceed on this basis. I'll ask Trevor to contact Barry to explain why.

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**From:** [Section 40(2)] **On Behalf Of** Boyle, Colum  
**Sent:** 20 August 2021 14:31  
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Dear Mike

Please see attached response from Colum in relation to your correspondence of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Regards

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**Please note I do not work on Wednesdays**