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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 10/08/2022 about **the coroner's salary, complaints against the coroner, extra income from hospitals, and the use of Regulation 28.** We have dealt with this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds some of the information requested. The answers to your questions are below. We have stated where we do not hold the information requested and why

You requested:

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1) I understand the coroner Mary Hassell is paid via Camden Council (and hence tax payers). Please can you confirm how much she is paid per year?

Her Majesty's Senior Coroner for Inner North London is Mary Hassell ("the Senior Coroner"). Camden Council is the lead council for the Inner North London Coroner area and therefore employer of the Senior Coroner.

The Senior Coroner is paid in accordance with the pay range agreed by the national Joint Negotiating Committee for Coroners on a salary agreed by the London Consortium (the 8 coronial areas that cover the 32 London boroughs) as being consistent and appropriate for Senior Coroners within London. The JNC pay range is currently £123,553 to £137,281 (2022/23 pay award pending).

2) How many complaints have been made against Mary Hassell for the past 5 years to camden council?

The Council does not collate or record specific complaints relating to the Senior Coroner. In some instances, Camden Council records and responds to specific complaints relating to the delivery of

the Inner North London Coroners Service, however these complaints will relate to issues which the Council has direct oversight and responsibility.

Camden Council does not have a formal oversight role with regard to the conduct or judicial decisions taken by the Senior Coroner. The Senior Coroner (Inner North London) is a judicial appointment with complaints relating to the conduct of Senior Coroners managed via the Judicial Conduct Investigation Office - <http://judicialconduct.judiciary.gov.uk/making-a-complaint.htm>.

3) I understand Mary Hassell has close links to the London hospitals eg UCLH hospital. How much extra income is paid from these hospitals to Mary Hassell for her assistance during inquests?

We do not hold this information. Camden Council has no specific information relating to any links between the Senior Coroner and London Hospitals. The Senior Coroner is paid in accordance with the pay range agreed by the national Joint Negotiating Committee for Coroners - please see the response above.

4) I would like to know whether camden council has blocked Mary Hassell from issuing Regulation 28 to NHS hospital trusts (apart from Mental Health units) as during all her time in service, she has never issued a Regulation 28 to a hospital NHS Trust (apart from mental health unit). Please note all the other coroners have issued a Reg 28 to a hospital NHS Trust during their service. The role of the coroner is to protect the public's health and to prevent unnecessary deaths- please can you look into reasons why Mary Hassell has never issued a Regulation 28 to a NHS Hospital Trust (apart from NHS Mental Health unit)- as all other coroners have.

Camden Council has not sought to 'block' the Senior Coroner from issuing a Regulation 28 to any NHS hospital trust.

Statistics regarding coroners' regulation 28 reports are available on the websites of the Ministry of Justice and of the Chief Coroner.

Further Information

We do not give our consent for any names and contact details provided in this response to be sent marketing material. Any such use will be reported to the ICO as a breach of General Data Protection Regulations and the Privacy and Electronic Communication Regulations.

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Your Rights

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Yours sincerely,

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