

Why is the Department of Health and Social Care promoti...

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As the [Guardian has noted](#), the Department of Health is looking for a new vice president of operations:

The screenshot shows a job listing for 'VP of Operations' at 'Quast London'. It includes application buttons for CV-Library, Jobs UK, and Jobrapido.com. The listing specifies a salary of £1K-£2K a day, a contractor role, and a deadline for submissions of 23/10/2020 at 12:00. It also mentions that the successful candidate will work remotely for the time being with travel as needed.

Let's ignore for a moment the pay rate.

Let's ignore too the American terminology (since when did we have VPs in the civil service?)

Let's instead note that this is off-payroll working through an umbrella company, with potential tax advantages attached.

Why is what?

And what message does this send out on tax abuse?

If the government plays at off-payroll working and casualisation in this way why should anyone else commit to their payroll and enforcing PAYE?

Are they really this stupid?

And if so, why?