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Request

1. How many civil service staff are male and how many are female?
2. How many agreements to change a shift pattern to a nonstandard pattern have been agreed for prison officer grades?

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

1. The information you have requested is exempt under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 21 exempts information if this information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and the Department is not required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information.

The number of male and female civil service staff on 1 October 2024 can be found in the [Employment in the Northern Ireland Civil Service – 1 October 2024 - Tables](#), specifically table 1.

2. The Department does not hold any information relating to shift patterns, this would be the responsibility of NIPS, for further information please contact NIPS.FOI@justice-ni.gov.uk