

## FOI DOF/2025-0369

**Request**

1. Can you please provide a breakdown of all current vacancies in all departments for grades AA – SO within the northwest region. (Derry/Londonderry, Limavady, Ballykelly, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Ballymena)

**DoF Response**

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

Details of the total vacancies in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable. When a department identifies a vacancy that needs filled, the request is referred to NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the end of May 2025, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 818 General Service AA-SO vacancies and 26 Non-General Service AA-SO vacancies in the North-West area.

The breakdown of the vacancies by grade and Department is shown in the tables below.

**General Service AA-SO vacancies in the North West area**

	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfI	DoF	DOJ	PPS	Total
SO	26	5	7					38
EO1	14	2	11		6	3		36
EO2	14	2	90	3	4			113
AO	15	23	528	20	11	18	11	626
AA	5							5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>818</b>

**Non-General Service AA-SO vacancies in the North West area**

	DAERA	DfI	DoF	DOJ	Total
SO	8	3		1	12
EO1	4	1	3	2	10
EO2	3				3
AA		1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>