

FOI DOF/2026-0014

Request

Re: IRC303169

1. In the merit list how, many people selected area 2 (Derry) and Area 4 (Coleraine)?
2. In both these areas how many people have selected standard working pattern and alternative working pattern?
3. In both these areas how many people have been allocated to a vacancy so far?
4. In both of these areas I would like a breakdown of which departments they were allocated to?
5. In both these areas the number of people that have been allocated to a vacancy how many have declined the offer?
6. The number of people who have declined a vacancy in both these areas how many had selected alternative working pattern and standard working pattern and which departments they had they declined?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. In the merit list for AO recruitment competition IRC303169, 464 candidates selected a preference for Area 2 (Derry/Londonderry, Ballykelly & Limavady) and 326 candidates selected a preference for Area 4 (Coleraine & Ballymoney). Candidates could select up to 3 locational preferences.
2. Of the 464 candidates who selected Area 2, 220 selected both standard working pattern and alternative working pattern. Of the 326 candidates who selected Area 4, 177 selected both standard working pattern and alternative working pattern.
3. At the date of request 363 candidates have been allocated to a vacancy in Area 2 and 41 candidates have been allocated to a vacancy in Area 4. These candidates were allocated to a vacancy at a point in time, however some will not have received a formal offer letter as they were withdrawn from the competition during pre-placement checks before their offer letter issued.
4. See table below for a breakdown of candidates allocated to a vacancy in Area 2 and Area 4 at the date of request and the department they were

allocated to. These candidates were allocated to a vacancy at a point in time, however some will not have received a formal offer letter as they were withdrawn before the offer letter issued.

	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfE	DfI	DoF	DoH	DOJ	PPS	TEO	Total
Area 2	20	26	286	0	1	15	0	10	5	0	363
Area 4	2	0	6	0	26	0	0	7	0	0	41

5. The number of candidates who declined an offer for Area 2 was 79. The number of candidates who declined an offer for Area 4 was 10.

6. Of the 79 candidates who declined an offer for Area 2, 46 had selected both standard working pattern and alternative working pattern. These candidates declined offers in the following departments: DAERA, DfC and DoJ. Of the 10 candidates who declined an offer for Area 4, 4 had selected both standard working pattern and alternative working pattern. These candidates declined offers in the following departments: DfC and DfI.