

## FOI DOF/2026-0166

**Request**

What percentage of Custody Prison Officers (excluding pre-2002 MGO's and post-2002 MGO's who have transferred across) are at each point of the 2025/2026 pay scale as of today Thursday 26th March 2026;

**DoF response**

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

The below table shows the percentage of Custody Prison Officers (excluding pre-2002 MGOs and post-2002 MGOs who have transferred across) who are on each point of the 2025/2026 pay scale, at end March 2026.

Point on 2025/26 Pay Scale	Percentage of Staff
£42,725 (6)	22.1%
£40,682 (5)	2.1%
£38,639 (4)	2.9%
£36,596 (3)	3.5%
£34,553 (2)	55.2%
£32,510 (1)	14.2%

Source: DoJ payroll system

## ANNEX B - INTERNAL REVIEWS

An Internal Review request examines the response based on applied exemptions, search adequacy, or response timeliness.

### **It is not the following, which will be treated as specified:**

- Questions asking for clarification on information provided: Will be treated as part of the original FOI request.
- Additional questions about the information in the response: Will be treated as a new FOI request.
- Questions about the subject not related to the original request: Will be treated as new FOI request.
- Questions regarding how a service operates or why a decision was made: Will be treated as normal business and responded to accordingly.
- Complaints or concerns raised in response to information provided: Will be treated in line with relevant complaints procedure.

### **To make an Internal Review request:**

- **Clearly state:** That you want an internal review of a previous FOI response and provide the necessary details.
- **Follow the timeline:** Be sure to submit your request within 40 working days of receiving the original response. If the Department has not responded at all, you have 40 working days after the original 20-day response period has passed.
- **Wait for a response:** The review is typically completed within 20 working days but can take up to 40 working days in exceptional circumstances. The Department should inform you of any delays.

### **What the review includes**

- A fresh decision based on a reconsideration of all relevant factors.
- An assessment of whether the request was handled correctly and if exemptions were applied appropriately.
- The review will be conducted by someone who was not involved in the original decision.

**If you wish to request an internal review, please email [foi@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:foi@finance-ni.gov.uk) or write to FOI/EIR Team, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor, Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road, Belfast, BT4 3SX.**