

## FOI DOF/2026-0132

**Request**

Re: IRC313542 Deputy Principal

1. Could you please confirm if there are any DP vacancies at the locations below?
  - Ballymena
  - Ballymoney
  - Coleraine
  - Limavady
  - Ballykelly

**DoF response**

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

1. 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 NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR 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 February 2026, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 13 General Service DP vacancies based in Ballykelly, Ballymena and Coleraine which may be filled from Competition IRC313542. There were none based in Ballymoney or Limavady. The breakdown of these vacancies is shown in the table below.

<b>Town</b>	<b>Vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC313542</b>
Ballykelly	11
Ballymena	1
Ballymoney	0
Coleraine	1
Limavady	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>