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Request

RE: (IRC325875) IRC320281

Can you please advise on how many opportunities were available outside of Belfast for the trawl.

DoF response

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

Details of the total vacancies in each department are 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 1st April 2026, NICSHR was managing a caseload of 52 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC325875.

Of the 52 vacancies, 1 vacancy was outside Belfast.