

FOI DOF/2026-0332

Request

Re: Competition IRC320198 – EO1 Fraud Investigator.

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of vacancies currently available to be filled from this competition.
2. The locations/offices where the next appointments from IRC320198 are expected to be placed.
3. The number of planned appointments by location (for example, Belfast, Ballymena, Derry/Londonderry, Banbridge, Omagh or any other location).

I am not requesting names or any personal information about candidates. I am only requesting aggregated information about vacancies, locations and planned placements.

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 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 2026, (the most recent figures available at the time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 24 vacancies which may be filled from Competition IRC320198.

2.&3. As at the end of May 2026 (the most recent information available at the time of the request) the locations/offices for the planned appointments from competition IRC320198 are as shown in the table below. It should be noted that a number of these planned appointments have appointment dates throughout the month of June 2026. NICS HR regards an appointment to have been made once

confirmation is received that a successful candidate has taken up post on their agreed start date.

Location/Office	Number of vacancies
Ballymena	22
DfC, Benefit Security Division Fraud & Compliance Operations	15
DfC, Benefit Security Fraud & Compliance	6
DfC, Benefit Security Fraud & Compliance Ops Ballymena	1
Belfast	2
DfC, Benefit Security Fraud & Compliance Operations GNT	1
DOJ, LSACounter Fraud	1
Grand Total	24