

FOI DOF/2026-0347

Request

1. Under the Freedom of Information act 2009 I wish to know how many EO1 vacancies there currently are in Derry, with a breakdown of department.
2. And how many EO1 posts in Derry are currently being filled by temporary promotions.

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 (DoF). 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 time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 17 general service EO1 vacancies and 5 non-general service EO1 vacancies based in Derry/Londonderry. The breakdown by Department is shown in the table below.

Department	Number of General Service Vacancies	Number of Non-General Service Vacancies
DAERA	1	
DE	1	
DfI		2
DfC	12	
DoF	2	3
DoJ	1	
Grand Total	17	5

2. As noted above, DoF does not hold a central record of Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) staff establishment figures or total number of posts. Responsibility for determining and managing staffing levels rests with each individual NICS department. Furthermore, data recorded on the HR and Payroll System is not held in such a way that allows DoF to identify if a vacancy is being covered by a temporary promotion arrangement. It is also

worth adding that temporary promotions may be used for a range of business purposes, including covering vacant posts or supporting specific exercises.

While the management and recording of temporary promotions is also a matter for individual business areas within departments. DoF does hold the number of NICS staff on temporary promotion centrally.

As at the end of May 2026, (the most recent information available at the date of the request), a total of **52** NICS staff with a permanent workstation recorded within the City of Derry/Londonderry were on temporary promotion to Executive Officer 1 grade. All are within the General Service occupation group.