

FOI DOF/2026-0358

Request

Can you please provide a breakdown of all current declared vacancies to be filled in all departments for grades AA – SO within the northwest region. (Derry/Londonderry, Limavady, Ballykelly, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Ballymena.

If possible, please provide a breakdown detailing department and area.

DoF response

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

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 time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 634 vacancies at AA-SO and analogous grades within the northwest region. The breakdown by Department and towns requested is shown in the table below.

	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfI	DoF	DoH	DoJ	PPS	Grand Total
SO									
Ballykelly	38								38
Ballymena	2		1	2					5
Coleraine	1		1	2					4
Derry-Londonderry	4	6	11		3	1	1		26
SO Total	45	6	13	4	3	1	1		73
E01									
Ballykelly	14		1						15
Ballymena	2		22	2	1				27
Ballymoney	1								1
Coleraine	2		3	2					7
Derry-Londonderry	1	1	12	2	5		1		22
E01 Total	20	1	38	6	6		1		72

	DAERA	DE	DfC	DfI	DoF	DoH	DoJ	PPS	Grand Total
EO2									
Ballykelly	12		10						22
Ballymena	2		17	5	1				25
Ballymoney			6						6
Coleraine	1		9	4					14
Derry-Londonderry	15	2	46	1	8			1	73
Limavady			2						2
EO2 Total	30	2	90	10	9			1	142
AO									
Ballykelly	8		75						83
Ballymena	5		24	5	4		2		40
Ballymoney			1	2					3
Coleraine	2			21					23
Derry-Londonderry	6	3	94	4	8		2	6	123
AO Total	21	3	194	32	12		4	6	272
AA									
Ballykelly	1								1
Ballymena	1		6	6					13
Ballymoney			2	1					3
Coleraine			2	21					23
Derry-Londonderry	2		28	3					33
Limavady			2						2
AA Total	4		40	31					75
Grand Total	120	12	375	83	30	1	6	7	634