

FOI DOF/2022-0469

Request

1. Under freedom of information could you tell me the number of staff that expressed an interest in the INTEREST NOTICE – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE ROLE OF BOTH OSCAR 1 AND OSCAR 3 that was issued on 16th August 2022 with a closing date of 26th August 2022 please?
2. Also could I get the list of interview mark of the 33 candidates that were named in PNS 13/20. I understand that you cannot comment on each staffs interview mark but requesting the marks without attached the names.

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

1. NICSHR can confirm that NIPS received 7 expressions of interest for the Oscar 1 and Oscar 3 roles but NIPS (DoJ) made the decision not to proceed any further with filling these from this Interest Notice as the Senior Officer posts were under review at that time. This was a NIPS led Internal Interest Notice so if any further information is required NIPS (DoJ) may be able to provide this. They can be contacted at the following address:
NIPS.FOI@justice-ni.gov.uk
2. The information you have requested is being withheld because it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would contravene one of the data protection principles in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (or certain other provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018).

The interview marks constitute personal data. We do not have consent from the candidates to share their personal information. To release the requested information would therefore contravene the data protection principles.

Having considered all of the information contained within the lawful, fairness and transparency test (which we are providing as a separate attachment), the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.