

## FOI DOF/2022-0414

**Request**

Could you please send me information regarding how many custody officers you currently have in employment across the various estates in Northern Ireland, as well as how many are currently off sick. Could you send me the stats for this for the past 5 years so I can compare please.

**Clarification received 25/10/2022**

You agreed to the information being provided as suggested below.

As there are a number of grades in the Northern Ireland Prison Service, it is our intention is to provide you with the number of Custody Prison Officers employed on 1 October 2022, together with the number who are absent through sickness. We will also provide the data for the same criteria at 1 October for the preceding 4 years. Can you please confirm if this is acceptable for your purposes?"

**DoF Response**

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

Date	Substantive CPOs in Post (Headcount Figure)	Number of Substantive CPOs on Sickness Absence
01/10/2018	552	27
01/10/2019	583	48
01/10/2020	658	50
30/09/2021	601	81
30/09/2022	579	69