

**FOI DOF/2023-0164**

**Request**

Under freedom of information, can you please tell me how many EO2 vacancies are currently available in Area 1 Belfast and normal working hours group mon-fri 8am-6pm

**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 it needs filled, the request is referred to NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR 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 April 2023, NICSHR was managing a caseload of 149 EO2 vacancies in Area 1 which were identified as requiring a Standard Working Pattern (normal working hours).

It should be noted that for EO2 vacancies, Area 1 covers the following cities/towns,

- Belfast
- Lisburn
- Bangor
- Antrim
- Downpatrick

as well as a number of other additional towns which, due to their location and proximity, would also be considered as falling within Area 1.

The table below shows the location of the 149 EO2 vacancies within Area 1 which require a Standard Working Pattern as at the end of April 2023.

<b>EO2 Vacancies Area 1</b>	<b>Standard Working Pattern</b>
Antrim	14
Bangor	1
Belfast	117
Downpatrick	1
Larne	8
Lisburn	1
Newtownabbey	2
Newtownards	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>149</b>