

FOI DOF/2023-0191

Request

Please can you provide average retirement ages for Veterinary Surgeons in the Department of Agriculture over the last 10 years.

If the results are available by location, can you confirm average retirement ages in the Northern Ireland regions. Alternatively, if Northern Ireland statistics are not available, average retirement ages across the UK will suffice.

The following clarification was received on 16/05/2023.

I confirm that I would like statistics in relation to Veterinary Officers (rather than Veterinary Surgeons as previously requested).

In terms of the Northern Ireland Regions, I would like statistics that relate to Northern Ireland as a whole, if available. If Northern Ireland statistics are not available, UK figures will be acceptable.

DoF Response

I can confirm that the Department holds the information requested.

This information relates to Northern Ireland only.

Year	Veterinary Officers - Average Retirement Age (years)
2012/13	63
2013/14	66
2014/15	64
2015/16	n/a
2016/17	55
2017/18	n/a
2018/19	59
2019/20	66
2020/21	59
2021/22	62

Source: HR Connect

*n/a means no relevant staff retired in the time period
Excludes staff who are on career break or secondment to other organisations
Includes Age Retirement and Early Retirement
Excludes Voluntary Exit Scheme Leavers*

