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**BY EMAIL**

**Our Ref: FOI 1570**

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to Deciles for GP's.

Please find this information, below.

**1) A previous FOI response received (Ref: FOI 1550) provided information on contracted GPs (headcount) by deprivation quintile of practice location at 30 June 2021.**

**I am now requesting data on principal (partner) and salaried GPs only, by deprivation quintile. Please include this information on a headcount basis and on a full-time equivalent basis.**

The BSO do not hold information on GP/Locum work patterns. The data held is for contracted GPs only and is by headcount.

The data is presented below for contracted Principal (GP Partners) and Salaried GPs (headcount) by Deprivation Quintile based on the NISRA Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure for the postcode of the GP Practice where 1 represents GPs working in Practices located in the most deprived quintile and 5 represents GPs working in Practices located in the least Deprived Quintile.

Please note that deprivation level of Patients home postcode is not a factor.



Contracted Principal (GP Partners) and Salaried GPs (Headcount) by Deprivation Quintile of Practice Location at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

Deprivation Quintile	GPs
1	480
2	282
3	252
4	249
5	120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,383</b>

**2) Data on the number of patients per full-time equivalent GP, ranked by deprivation quintile.**

**If this data is available for administrative areas such as LGD or SOA I would also like that to be provided.**

The BSO do not hold information on GP/Locum work patterns. The Data held is for contracted GPs only and is by headcount.

The data is presented below for average number of registered patients per contracted GP (Principal/Partner and Salaried) by Deprivation Quintile based on the NISRA Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure for the postcode of the GP Practice.

Quintile 1 represents GPs (Principal/Partner and Salaried) working in, and patients registered to, Practices located in the most deprived quintile and 5 represents GPs working in, and Patients registered to, Practices located in the least Deprived Quintile.

Please note that deprivation level of a patient's home postcode is not considered, so for example a patient living in the least deprived quintile may attend a GP practice located in the most deprived quintile.

Registered Patients per GP (Principal/Partner and Salaried) by Deprivation Quintile of Practice Location at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

LGD	Deprivation Quintile	Registered Patients per GP
Antrim and Newtownabbey	1	1425
	2	1445
	3	1554
	4	1698
	5	1614
Newtownards and North Down	1	N/A
	2	1494
	3	1357
	4	1469
	5	1507

Armagh City, Banbridge and  
Craigavon

1	1262
2	1683
3	1588
4	1170
5	N/A

Belfast

1	1307
2	1309
3	1383
4	1423
5	1454

Causeway Coast and Glens

1	1485
2	1471
3	1524
4	1352
5	1413

Derry City and Strabane

1	1499
2	3364
3	1489
4	1564
5	N/A

Fermanagh and Omagh

1	1525
2	1469
3	1583
4	N/A
5	N/A

Lisburn and Castlereagh

1	N/A
2	1347
3	1479
4	1238
5	1521

Mid and East Antrim

1	1527
2	1349
3	1300
4	1319
5	1495

Mid Ulster

1	1848
2	2217
3	1438
4	1677
5	N/A

Newry, Mourne and Down

1	1537
2	1581
3	1494
4	1450
5	1565

Northern Ireland

1	1411
2	1524

3	1493
4	1399
5	1510

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In relation to the information provided above, please note:

- Principals (Partners) run a GP practice.
- Salaried GPs are employed by the practice and receive a salary for a contracted number of hours worked.
- Patients are registered to a GP Practice and not to an individual GP. As such data for Patients is based on Practice location.
- Deprivation quintiles have been assigned based on the deprivation ranking of the Super Output Area (SOA) in which the GP practice is located. This ranking is at NI level and is not a ranking within individual LGDs.

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
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If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

**Website:** [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)  
**Phone:** 0303 123 1113  
**Email:** [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)  
**Post:** Information Commissioner's Office  
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place  
Belfast  
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In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Bailey".

**Karen Bailey**  
Acting Chief Executive