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From: FOI BSO
Sent: 30 June 2022 11:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI 1737: REQUEST - DOH/2022-0112 - Bradfield

Dear [REDACTED]

independent contractors GP Partners are responsible for the running of their GP Practices, including who they employ, their own working patterns and the working patterns of staff employed.

As such they do not need to inform BSO or indeed the Department of Health (DoH) of their weekly/annual working hours.

We are sorry that we unable to assist you any further with this particular part of your request.

Kind regards,

BSO Corporate Services

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2022 09:33
To: FOI BSO <FOI.BSO@hscni.net>
Subject: Re: FOI 1737: REQUEST - DOH/2022-0112 - Bradfield

Many thanks for this

May I just clarify - are you saying that BSO has no data at all on the % of GPs in NI who are part time?

If not, does any organisation in NI hold this data?

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

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28th June 2022

BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 1737

Dear 

Your request for information was received on 21st June 2022 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 GPs currently working and registered to work within Northern Ireland (N.I).

Please find this information below:

1) How many GPs currently work / are registered to work in NI?

The BSO publish counts of GPs by age group and gender both quarterly and annually at link below:

[General Medical Services Statistics \(hscni.net\)](https://hscni.net/General-Medical-Services-Statistics)

Please note that we have had to combine some age groups within these reports due to small numbers being potentially disclosive, however we hope that the age-groups presented should give a good indication.



2) How many are male and how many female? How many ID as neither/transgender?

Please refer to the link above. Unfortunately, we are unable to assist you with the latter part of this question as the BSO do not hold any data on whether a GP identifies as neither male nor female.

3) For the males please advise how many are part time and how many full time?

The BSO would not hold or have access to any work pattern data.

4) Please advise the same for the females?

The BSO would not hold or have access to any work pattern data.

5) If possible please break down the answers to three and four into age bands eg 25-35 / 45-55 / 55-65 / 65-77

Please refer to the link in point 1 above for the information held by the BSO.

6) Please provide all info from 3,4,5 for any non binary or transgender GPs.

The BSO do not hold any data on this subject matter.

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, as the BSO, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

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

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
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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
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
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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
Chief Executive