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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the public dental service.

Question:

1. Did your organisation provide a public dental service?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

2. For each band please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

\*By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific band.

Answer:

Please see table enclosed below.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

**ALISON MACDONALD**  
**Executive Director, Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs**  
Cc: Chief Executive

Band	Currently (today) how many dentists are employed by your organisation under Salaried primary dental care terms and conditions:		Bank dentists	Locum dentists	Currently how many dentist positions are vacant:	Between 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 how many (headcount):		
	headcount	WTE*	headcount	headcount	headcount	posts became vacant	vacant posts were advertised	vacant posts were filled. Please do not include partially filled positions
Vocational Dental Practitioner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dental Officer	26	20.58		N/A	1wte vacant post – person on secondment & unable to backfill.	3 wte	3wte	2wte
Senior Dental Officer	11	7.61wte	N/A	N/A	None	0.2 wte	0.2wte	0.2wte
Specialist Dental Officer	9	6.42wte	N/A	N/A	None	0.8wte	0.8wte	0.8wte
Assistant Clinical Director	4	2.91wte	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clinical Director or CADO	1	1wte	N/A	N/A	None	1wte	1wte	1wte
Other dentist: Consultant Special Care	1	1wte	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A