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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GP POSTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to GP recruitment.

### Question:

- Please provide a position statement for each GP practice in your health board area which is currently experiencing recruitment difficulties. For example, how many vacancies are there at each of these practices, how long has the recruitment process been underway, what impact has this had on the services available to patients?

### Answer:

Please be advised that most GP practices are independent contractors and this information would need to be requested from the practices direct. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise we do not hold this information.

None of the 2Cs are not experiencing recruitment difficulties and if there are any vacancies they are planned for.

We are only able to provide information for the salaried GPs. Detail below. We cannot provide in relation to readvertised posts.

List of salaried GP's we have advertised since 01/04/2024:

CREATED ON	LIVE DATE	CLOSING DATE	PostTitle	NO OF VACANCIES
29/05/2024	05/06/2024	19/06/2024	Salaried GP HMP Edinburgh/Addiewell	1
15/10/2024	15/10/2024	29/10/2024	Salaried GP in Primary Care 199342 MCD	1
16/05/2025	16/05/2025	30/05/2025	216061 Salaried GP - Prison Healthcare LMC	3
20/05/2025	20/05/2025	03/06/2025	216299 Locum Salaried General Practitioner LMC	1

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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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

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