

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SPECIALIST GRADE**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Specialist Grade Dentists.

Question:

- Please provide the following information: - The number of Specialist Grade, Specialist Grade Specialty and Associate Specialist (SAS) dentists currently employed by the Health Board.  
If possible, I would be grateful if you could also include:
  - A breakdown by service area or department
  - Whether these posts are full-time or part-time

Answer:

<b>Table 1: Headcount/WTE of SAS Dentists by Directorate/Department</b>			
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>WTE</b>
Edinburgh Dental Institute	Hygiene School	3	1.4
	Oral Medicine	1	1.0
	Oral Surgery	3	1.4
	Orthodontic Dentistry	1	0.1
<b>Edinburgh Dental Institute Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Maxillofacial	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	2	1.7
<b>Maxillofacial Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>5.5</b>

<b>Table 2: Headcount/WTE of SAS by Full-Time/Part-Time</b>		
	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>WTE</b>
Full-Time	2	2
Part-Time	8	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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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

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