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Letter issued by email

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Dear ██████████

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Thank you for your information request received on 6 May 2026 by NHS Education for Scotland.

From 1 April 2026, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) joined to form Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. This means your Freedom of Information request is now being responded to from PSD Scotland.

I wish to advise the information requested is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) as this information is otherwise accessible, as detailed below.

Your Request

a) How many designated consultant Neurologist posts are there in Scotland listed by Health Board area?

b) How many of those posts are unfilled and the duration of each of those unfilled vacancies, again listed by Health Board area?

This information is available in the NHS Scotland workforce official statistics: the latest data available is at 31 December 2025 via: [NHS Scotland workforce | Turas Data Intelligence](#). A dashboard user guide is available via: [Power BI dashboard FAQ | Turas Data Intelligence](#)

The above dashboard contains information on the number of doctors employed and the number of consultant vacancies by speciality and board. Employment is available for all grades, and vacancies is only available for consultants. The vacancies can be broken down by those that are vacant for less than six months and those that have been vacant for six months or more using the Measure filter.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

We refer to sum of the employment and vacancies as the establishment. It could be described as the number of posts, but there is some nuance in terminology. For example, it does not include posts that are (at the time of the census) being filled by agency locums, or if a vacancy has been paused for whatever reason.

In case it is useful, background detail on employment data and vacancies are available: [NHS Scotland employment | Turas Data Intelligence](#) and [Vacancies | Turas Data Intelligence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with this reply under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you should contact us again in writing or by email within 40 days of receipt of this response to request an internal review.

If you remain unhappy with the outcome of that internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision within six months of receiving our response. For further information, please visit the Scottish Information Commissioner's [website](#).

Yours sincerely

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