

Letter issued by email

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your information request received on 15 September 2026 by Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland).

From 1 April 2026, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) joined to form 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 by PSD Scotland.

Your Request

I am writing to ask about information on the rankings of the Scottish deanery for Foundation Year training over the last 3 years. In light of recent introduction of the Scotland First policy, I am trying to ascertain the chance of non-Scottish students who rank Scotland first, getting it.

Please can you provide the following:

- 1. How many graduates from non-Scottish medical schools ranked Scotland 1st as their FY deanery in the 2024 and 2025 intakes?*
- 2. How many graduates from Scottish medical schools ranked Scotland 1st as their FY deanery in the 2024 and 2025 intakes?*
- 3. What were the total number of graduates from non-Scottish medical schools in the 2024 and 2025 intakes*
- 4. What were the total number of graduates from Scottish medical schools in the 2024 and 2025 intakes*
- 5. What was the proportion of Scottish-trained to non-Scottish-trained FY1 doctors in 2024 and 2025 in Scotland?*

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

I wish to advise under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that PSD Scotland can provide a partial response to your request, as detailed below.

1. How many graduates from non-Scottish medical schools ranked Scotland 1st as their FY deanery in the 2024 and 2025 intakes?

Information is not held on how many graduates with a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) gained outwith Scotland, ranked Scotland as their first preference.

Under Section 17 of the FOISA this information is not held by PSD Scotland. The UK Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO) manages the national, competitive application process across the UK for the Foundation Programme.

Further information regarding the process is available on the UKFPO website: [UK Foundation Programme - UK Foundation Programme](#).

2. How many graduates from Scottish medical schools ranked Scotland 1st as their FY deanery in the 2024 and 2025 intakes?

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3. What were the total number of graduates from non-Scottish medical schools in the 2024 and 2025 intakes.

The below table details the total number of graduates with a PMQ gained outwith Scotland who gained a F1 place within Scotland.

Year	Total Graduates
2024	313
2025	333

4. What were the total number of graduates from Scottish medical schools in the 2024 and 2025 intakes.

The below table details the total number of graduates with a PMQ gained within Scotland who gained a F1 place within Scotland.

Year	Total Graduates
2024	714
2025	844

5. What was the proportion of Scottish-trained to non-Scottish-trained FY1 doctors in 2024 and 2025 in Scotland?

The below table confirms the proportion of doctors who obtained a PMQ within Scotland versus those who obtained a PMQ outwith Scotland, who gained a F1 place within Scotland.

Year	Scottish PMQ	Non-Scottish PMQ
2024	72.95%	27.05%
2025	79.93%	20.07%

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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