



Patient and Client Council
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24th March 2025

By Email

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Ref: FOI 2444

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your Freedom of Information request received by the Patient and Client Council (PCC) on 4th March 2025 in which you requested information relating to jobs in the Patient and Client Council (PCC).

Please find the response below.

Please note that due to the implementation of the Business Services Organisation new HR system in 2014, we are only able to go back as far as 2015 for this question and the following questions.

1. The total number of jobs in the Trust for the years 2015, 2020 and present day:

As at the end of 2015, the total number of jobs was 33.
As at the end of 2020, the total number of jobs was 24.
As at February 2025, the total number of jobs is 30.

2. The number of jobs in the Trusts at Bands 7 and above for the years 2015, 2020 and present day.

As at the end of 2015, the total number of jobs at band 7 and above was 10.
As at the end of 2020, the total number of jobs at band 7 and above was 6.
As at February 2025, the total number of jobs at band 7 and above was 9.

3. The total cost of salary for those in Bands 7 and above (broken down by Band if possible) for the years 2015, 2020 and present day.

We are unable to provide the total salary costs for this question; however, we are in a position to provide the salary scales for 2014/15, 2019/20 and 2024/25.

Please see below:

Band	Year		
	2014/2015	2019/2020	2024/2025
Band 7	£30,764 - £40,558	£37,570 - £43,772	£46,148 - £52,809
Band 8a	£39,239 - £47,088	£44,606 - £50,819	£53,755 - £60,504
Band 8b	£45,707 - £56,504	£52,306 - £60,983	£62,215 - £72,293
Band 8c	£54,988 - £67,805	£61,777 - £72,597	£74,290 - £85,601
Band 8d	£65,922 - £81,618	£73,936 - £86,687	£88,168 - £101,677
Band 9	£77,850 - £98,453	£89,537 - £103,860	£105,385 - £121,271

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter, as the PCC, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to The Business Services Organisation (BSO), which provides an Information Governance service on our behalf:

Post: Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

Email: foi.bso@hscni.net

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision-making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PCC has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
10th Floor
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast

BT2 8DN

Telephone: 0303 123 1114

Email: ni@ico.org.uk

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fionnuala Murphy'.

Fionnuala Murphy
Business and Governance Manager
Patient and Client Council