

General Grade 6 Vacancies

Questions and Answers

1. The number of General Service Grade 6 vacancies within your department

The Department currently has one substantive General Service Grade 6 vacancy. This vacancy is not currently formally raised with NICSHR.

It should be noted that, due to the Department's current vacancy control arrangements, financial constraints and affordability considerations, together with the requirement to maximise redeployment and reprioritisation of existing resources, the Department does not currently have plans to routinely substantively fill general service vacancies. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking account of business need, affordability and available funding options.

2. Of those vacancies, how many are currently being filled through temporary promotion (TP) arrangements and how long this has been in place?

The one vacancy is currently filled by Temporary Promotion. This has been in place since 13 March 2023.

3. For each vacancy currently being filled by temporary promotion, please provide:

- **The reason why the post has not yet been substantively filled and if there are plans to substantively fill the post.**

The post has not been filled to support continuity of business and to allow consideration of the current organisational structure in the context of financial constraints and affordability considerations.

As stated above, due to the Department's current vacancy control arrangements, financial constraints and affordability considerations, together with the requirement to maximise redeployment and reprioritisation of existing resources, the Department does not currently have plans to routinely substantively fill general service vacancies. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking account of business need, affordability and available funding options.

- **The number of vacancies that you plan to fill from IRC306699**

The Department does not currently hold information on the number of vacancies that may be filled from IRC306699.

The Department does not currently have plans to routinely substantively fill general service vacancies, although exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking account of business need, affordability and available funding options.

- **Whether the individual temporarily promoted into the post was:**
(a) successful in the General Service Grade 6 competition IRC306699;
or
(b) unsuccessful in the General Service Grade 6 competition IRC306699.

This information is withheld under FOI exemption s40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it constitutes personal data relating to an identifiable individual.

- 4. If the information requested in Question 3 is held only in part, please provide the information that is held.**

The Department has provided all information held which falls within the scope of this request, subject to the application of the exemption outlined above

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