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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your information request received on 7 October 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 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 by PSD Scotland.

Your Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

*The number of Scottish medical graduates who ranked the Scottish Foundation School as their first choice in 2024, 2025, and 2026
And the number of these applicants who were successfully allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.*

*The number of other applicants who ranked the Scottish Foundation School as their first choice in 2024, 2025, and 2026
And the number of these applicants who were successfully allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.*

The total number of Scottish medical graduates allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The total number of other applicants allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The number of Scottish medical graduates who were pre-allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

The number of other applicants who were pre-allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

For clarification, “Scottish medical graduates” are people of any nationality who graduated from a medical school in Scotland, and do not include Scottish nationals or residents who graduated from a medical school outside of Scotland.

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.

The number of Scottish medical graduates who ranked the Scottish Foundation School as their first choice in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

And the number of these applicants who were successfully allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

Information is not held on how many graduates with a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) gained within Scotland, ranked Scotland as their first preference and were successfully allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

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](#).

The number of other applicants who ranked the Scottish Foundation School as their first choice in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

And the number of these applicants who were successfully allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

Information is not held by PSD Scotland on how many graduates with a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) gained outwith Scotland, ranked Scotland as their first preference and were successfully allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

Under Section 17 of the FOISA this information is not held by PSD Scotland.

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The total number of Scottish medical graduates allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The below table details the total number of graduates with a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) gained within Scotland who were allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

Year	2024	2025	2026
Total *	714	844	895

* The data provided is at the date of allocation. Withdrawals from the programme may have taken place at a later date.

The total number of other applicants allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The below table details the total number of other applicants with a PMQ gained outwith Scotland who were allocated a place in the Scottish Foundation School.

Year	2024	2025	2026
Total *	313	333	342

* The data provided is at the date of allocation. Withdrawals from the programme may have taken place at a later date.

The number of Scottish medical graduates who were pre-allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The below table details the total number of graduates with a PMQ gained within Scotland who were pre-allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

Year	2024	2025	2026
Total *	51	76	101

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The number of other applicants who were pre-allocated to the Scottish Foundation School in 2024, 2025, and 2026

The below table details the total number of other applicants with a PMQ gained outwith Scotland who were pre-allocated to the Scottish Foundation School.

Year	2024	2025	2026
Total *	288	257	278

* The data provided is at the date of allocation. Withdrawals from the programme may have taken place at a later date.

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

[Redacted Signature]