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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 10 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

- 1. Please provide the proportion of F1 doctors who are Scottish medical school graduates year by year for the past 5 years.*
- 2. Please also provide the proportion of Scottish medical school graduates who ranked Scotland first in their oriel applications year by year for the past 5 years.*

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. Please provide the proportion of F1 doctors who are Scottish medical school graduates year by year for the past 5 years.

The below table shows the total number of Foundation Year 1 (FY1) training posts available in Scotland each year along with the percentage of these posts filled by a graduate with a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) from a Scottish Medical School.

Year	Total FY1 Posts NHS Scotland	Percentage filled by graduate with a Scottish PMQ
2022	954	66.35%
2023	954	69.39%
2024	1002	72.95%
2025	1101	79.93%
2026	1173	76.30%

2. Please also provide the proportion of Scottish medical school graduates who ranked Scotland first in their oriel applications year by year for the past 5 years.

Information is not held on how many graduates with a PMQ gained within 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](#).

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]