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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 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

Please provide the following information for the 2025 and 2026 medical specialty recruitment rounds only:

- 1. The total number of CT1/ST1 and GP specialty training posts advertised in Scotland.*
- 2. The total number of applications received for those posts.*
- 3. The total number of offers made.*
- 4. The total number of posts filled.*

Please provide overall totals and, if readily available, a breakdown by specialty.

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. The total number of CT1/ST1 and GP specialty training posts advertised in Scotland.

Under Section 25 of the FOISA this information is accessible via: [Recruitment Statistics | Scottish Medical Training](#)

2. The total number of applications received for those posts.

The below table details the total number of applications for Core Trainee 1 (CT1), Specialty Trainee 1 (ST1) and GP Specialty Training posts within Scotland for 2025 and 2026.

CT1, ST1 and GP Specialty Training Posts NHS Scotland	
Year	Total applications
2025	98596
2026 *	66837

* Current figure at 28 September 2026. Recruitment is still in progress for February 2027 posts.

3. The total number of offers made.

PSD Scotland can only provide a partial response to this question. There are only a small number of specialties where recruitment takes place directly within Scotland, with two specialties recruited within Scotland in 2025 and three in 2026. PSD Scotland only hold information on job offers for these specialties, with the total offers detailed below.

CT1, ST1 and GP Specialty Training Posts (recruited within NHS Scotland)	
Year	Total offers
2025	47
2026	177

Recruitment for the remaining CT1/ST1 and GP specialty training posts within Scotland is undertaken on a UK wide basis by national recruitment offices. Requests for information should be directed to the relevant national recruitment area. Further information is available via: [Contacts | Medical Hub](#)

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

4. The total number of posts filled.

Under Section 25 of the FOISA this information is accessible via: [Recruitment Statistics | Scottish Medical Training](#)

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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