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Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 10 February 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

The Department has completed its search and can confirm some information is held in relation to your request.

- **Who has imposed the rule that staff cannot transfer outside of VSAHG**

There is no rule that staff cannot transfer out of VSAHG. The NICS Staff Handbook sets out the central policies governing staff movement, including transfers such as those provided for under the Elective Transfer Policy. In line with these policies, along with DAERA's Departmental Transfer Notice process, staff within VSAHG who fall within the scope of a circulated opportunity may apply, subject to normal line-management considerations.

- **what other DAERA divisions have the same limitations to movement**

I can confirm that the Department has completed its search and no information is held.

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- **what other DAERA divisions have a supply of DPs**

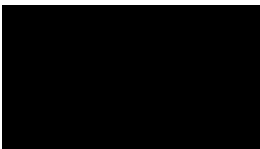
I can confirm that the Department has completed its search and no DAERA divisions have a supply of DPs.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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