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Temporary Promotions at Grade 6

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 19 August 2026 that sought the following information:

1. How many staff are temporarily promoted to Grade 6?
2. How TPs to Grade 6 are covering a position that has no substantive member of staff in place?
3. Of these, how many have a vacancy declared?
4. If no vacancy declared, why not?
5. And are there plans to declare the vacancy in future?
6. If so, why is it being delayed?

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is detailed below at **Annex A**.

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.

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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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FOI Response - DAERA/26-627

1. How many staff are temporarily promoted to Grade 6?

Response – At the 31 July 2026 there were **18** staff temporarily promoted to Grade 6.

This figure includes general service Grade 6 and analogous grades in other occupational groups.

2. How TPs to Grade 6 are covering a position that has no substantive member of staff in place?

Response – We have interpreted your request to mean:

“How many TPs to Grade 6 are covering a post that has no substantive member of staff in place”

There are currently **12** staff temporarily promoted to Grade 6 covering a post that has no substantive member of staff in place.

This figure includes general service Grade 6 and analogous grades in other occupational groups.

3. Of these, how many have a vacancy declared?

Response – At the 31 July 2026 there were 8 Grade 6 vacancies registered with NICS HR.

This figure includes general service Grade 6 and analogous grades in other occupational groups.

4. If no vacancy declared, why not?

Response – The following reasons were recorded as to why no vacancy has been declared for the 12 posts referred to at the answer to question 2 above:

- Backfill to cover post where permanent officer is Temporary Promoted to into another post;
- No active merit list for Grade 6 analogous positions;
- Pending wider decisions to be taken the future structure of the Division;
- Pending decision on the long-term structure of the Division;
- To cover a special exercise and will not continue beyond the set timeframe of the exercise; and
- Currently being reviewed to determine whether it is required in future.

5. And are there plans to declare the vacancy in future?

Response – see response request 4 above.

6. If so, why is it being delayed?

Response – see response to request 4 above.

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