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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 September 2026 which sought:

For the five-year period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2026, please provide the number of employees whose probationary period, including any extensions, lasted:

1. At least 12 months but less than 15 months;
2. At least 15 months but less than 18 months; and
3. 18 months or longer.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our records I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Department.

The information sought may be held by the Department of Finance who are responsible for maintaining these records, who can be contacted using the email address foi@finance-ni.gov.uk.

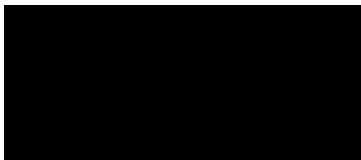
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If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review 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.



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