

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-353	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
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## I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following:

The number of staff at your health board struck off/sacked for each of the past five years and the professional category under which they fall (e.g. doctor, nurse, manager, auxiliary staff, etc)?

Please find below the dismissal by staff group from August 2017 to August 2022.

Please note the Health Board does not record the status of professional body hearing outcomes and are therefore unable to provide this information.

Year	Doctor	Nurse/ Midwife	Manager	Admin	Support Worker	Prof & Tech	Practitioner
2022	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5
2021	0	<5	0	0	6	<5	0
2020	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
2019	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
2017	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0

Where less than five (5) staff members have been identified, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied as the Health Board cannot provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.