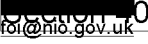
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26 July 2021	

Dear  on 40

REFERENCE: FOI/21/117 Secondments

Thank you for your email of 28th June 2021 in which you requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

- 1. Since 1st January 2019 to the current day, please indicate the number of secondees that have been received by this department. Please also provide a list of the organisations where the secondees came from.*
- 2. Since 1st January 2019 to the current day, please indicate the number of civil servants from this department that have been seconded to external organisations. Please also provide a list of the organisations that received these secondees.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Department holds information relevant to your request.

In response to question one I can confirm from the 1st January 2019 to the current day the Northern Ireland Office has received 16 secondees into the department. These individuals were seconded from the Northern Ireland Civil Service and Ards and North Down Council.

In relation to question two, the Northern Ireland Office has not seconded any Civil Servants out to external organisations.

If you wish to discuss this letter or our handling of your request, please contact the Freedom of Information Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in the Northern Ireland Office.

Yours sincerely

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