Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

DATE RECEIVED	28/02/2022	SUBJECT	Consultant Vacancies		
PASSED TO	HR	DATE PASSED	01/03/2022	RESPOND BY	21/03/2022
CATEGORY	Scottish Parliament		FoI NUMBER	2022-089	

Question/s to be Answered

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. In this health board, how many consultant positions are vacant at the time of writing? Please provide the data broken down by consultant doctors and dentists in the NHS.

   6 x Consultant vacancies

2. In this health board, how many consultant positions were vacant at the 31 March 2021? Please provide the data for the financial years ending 31 March 2020, 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2018. Please also provide the data broken down by consultant doctors and dentists in the NHS.

   March 21 – 5 Consultant Vacancies
   March 20 – 5 Consultant Vacancies
   March 19 – 4 Consultant Vacancies
   March 18 - 4 Consultant Vacancies

3. In this health board, taking into account the financial year 2021-22 (so far), 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 and 2017-18, how long has it taken on average to fill vacancies for consultant positions? Please provide the data broken down by consultant doctors and dentists in the NHS.

   To Date – not applicable as no appointments made so far

   March 21 – not applicable as didn't appoint

   March 20 – 72 days (approval to start date)

   March 19 – 256 days (approval to start date)

   March 18 – 417 days (approval to start date)