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RE: FOI 7901

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2026 in which you requested the following information:

In each of the last five years, I am looking for the number of Practitioner Performance Advice cases involving Behaviour/misconduct or other clinical or health concerns by the individual country of qualification – i.e. to breakdown categories like “outside the EEA”.

You publish statistics for doctor PPA cases which relate the number of complaints by country of qualification to the number of doctors in the workforce who have that region of qualification (UK, EEA, non-EEA). So is it also possible to get the number of Practitioner Performance Advice cases involving doctors which involve Behaviour/misconduct or other clinical or health concerns by the individual country of qualification – and the corresponding number of doctors in the workforce so that I can make similar odds ratios by individual country of qualification.

Our Response

NHS Resolution's Practitioner Performance Advice ('the Advice service') is an advisory body. Our role is to support healthcare organisations and practitioners where concerns have been raised by those organisations about individual practitioners' performance, and work with those involved to resolve these issues. You can find more information about the Advice service here: [Practitioner Performance Advice \(formerly NCAS\) - NHS Resolution](#). Our services are provided primarily to NHS organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

There is no minimum threshold for seeking advice and we encourage healthcare organisations and practitioners to contact us as early as possible when concerns come to light. Requests for advice are made by healthcare employers or contracting bodies for a range of reasons and do

not, in themselves, indicate that a concern (or any complaint which led the healthcare organisation to seek our advice) has been confirmed or upheld.

We note your reference to our Insight publications which set out our annual analysis of the patterns of concerns reported to us by healthcare organisations, as well as the demographics of the practitioners who are the subject of our cases. Our most recent Insight publication is: [Demographics, professions and concerns: Analysis of Practitioner Performance Advice cases including a focus on sexual misconduct concerns - NHS Resolution \(2025\)](#).

We understand that you are seeking data on Practitioner Performance Advice cases involving doctors which relate to behaviour/misconduct or other clinical or health concerns by the individual country of qualification under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. We regret that we are unable to provide this data as we do not hold the information requested – we do not record individual country of qualification for practitioners in our case management system.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to Joanne Appleby, Deputy Data Protection Officer, NHS Resolution, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

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