

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

Why does the NHS business service authority would not keep information on SRN projected retirement numbers? Perhaps somebody could explain why?

Status: Complete**Response Date:** 30 June 2010

The NHSBSA provides a number of supporting NHS services to a variety of customers and clients. Amongst those supporting services is NHS Pensions, whose function as a division of the NHSBSA is to (centrally) administer the NHS Pension Scheme for England and Wales. In relation to your request it was not possible to identify the information you asked for from the NHS Pension Scheme's computer systems.

NHS Pensions is not the NHS employer for the wider NHS and in matters of pensions administration is not concerned with the numbers of particular NHS groups who may or may not be planning to retire in the future. Where the NHS Pension Scheme is an unfunded pension arrangement, a notional account operates and retirement data is maintained for scheme valuation purposes through four-yearly reports prepared by the Government Actuaries Department (GAD). The valuation draws on information about known actual retirement events (from retirement applications received and processed) and the known membership profile over the report period rather than projected retirements but even here does not break the information down by individual NHS grades.

The latest available information surrounding the NHS Pension Scheme is contained within the GAD report covering the period 2000 to 2004, a copy of which can be found on NHS Pension's website under the FOI tab. www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk. The expected next report up to 2008 has not yet been published.