General Dental Council: Information released under the Freedom of Information Act

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Request:

I would like to request the exact numbers of overseas dentists who have been registered with the General Dental Council as dental hygienists, and the exact number of overseas dentists who have been registered as dental therapists, from January 1st, 2021, and January 30th, 2022.

Response:

I write further to my email of 1 February 2022 acknowledging your request for information that you submitted to the GDC as of the 31 January 2022. Your request related to the exact numbers of overseas dentists who have been registered with the General Dental Council as dental hygienists, and the exact number of overseas dentists who have been registered as dental therapists, from January 1st, 2021, and January 30th, 2022.

Your request for information has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

I can confirm the GDC holds the information you have requested. In response to your request specifically, for the time period 1 January 2021 and 30 January 2022, there were 252 dental therapists and 351 dental hygienists admitted to the DCP register via section 36C of the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended) who held an overseas dentist qualification.

Please note, these figures include all admissions to the register in the specified title(s) during the requested time period, however, the individuals may not have retained their registered status. The individuals may also hold registration in more than one title. This means an individual may have already been on the GDC register and they have had an additional title added via the criteria outlined above.