

Distribution of distinction awards

TABLE I—England and Wales: distribution of awards by specialty at 31 December 1978

Specialty	Consultants with and without awards analysed by specialty		Total all awards		A+ £10 689		A £8 109		B £4 761		C £2 025		Number of consultants with awards expressed as a percentage of award holders in all specialties
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
All specialties—total*	13 603	100	4 812	35.4	119	0.9	453	3.3	1 283	9.4	2 957	21.7	100
Anaesthetics	1 563	11.5	423	27.1	10	0.6	27	1.7	81	5.2	305	19.5	8.8
Cardiology	101	0.7	69	68.3	6	5.9	9	8.9	28	27.7	26	25.7	1.4
Community medicine	698	5.1	94	13.5	1	0.1	11	1.6	21	3.0	61	8.7	2.0
Dentistry	482	3.5	162	33.6	3	0.6	15	3.1	48	10.0	96	19.9	3.4
Dermatology	196	1.4	93	47.4	3	1.5	13	6.6	26	13.3	51	26.0	1.9
Diseases of chest	317	2.3	110	34.7			8	2.5	23	7.3	79	24.9	2.3
General medicine	1 284	9.4	633	49.3	25	1.9	75	5.8	180	14.0	353	27.5	13.2
General surgery	1 141	8.4	565	49.5	19	1.7	63	5.5	166	14.5	317	27.8	11.7
Geriatrics	364	2.7	83	22.8	1	0.3	3	0.8	10	2.7	69	19.0	1.7
Infectious diseases	26	0.2	16	61.5			2	7.7	4	15.4	10	38.5	0.3
Mental health	1 522	11.2	384	25.2	11	0.7	26	1.7	82	5.4	265	17.4	8.0
Nuclear medicine	20	0.2	9	45.0			1	5.0	2	10.0	6	30.0	0.2
Neurological physiology	41	0.3	17	41.5			1	2.4	6	14.6	10	24.4	0.4
Neurology	152	1.1	79	52.0	2	1.3	15	9.9	29	19.1	33	21.7	1.6
Neurosurgery	82	0.6	52	63.4	1	1.2	9	11.0	20	24.4	22	26.8	1.1
Obstetrics and gynaecology	698	5.1	260	37.3	5	0.7	22	3.2	76	10.9	157	22.5	5.4
Ophthalmology	391	2.9	134	34.3	3	0.8	9	2.3	33	8.4	89	22.8	2.8
Orthopaedic surgery	758	5.6	215	28.4	3	0.4	15	2.0	51	6.7	146	19.3	4.5
Otorhinolaryngology	369	2.7	123	33.3	1	0.3	10	2.7	31	8.4	81	22.0	2.6
Paediatrics	469	3.4	182	38.8	4	0.9	14	3.0	50	10.7	114	24.3	3.8
Pathology	1 458	10.7	576	39.5	11	0.8	49	3.4	154	10.6	362	24.8	12.0
Plastic surgery	82	0.6	42	51.2			5	6.1	11	13.4	26	31.7	0.9
Radiology	783	5.8	239	30.5	5	0.6	23	2.9	64	8.2	147	18.8	5.0
Radiotherapy	186	1.4	87	46.8	2	1.1	8	4.3	36	19.4	41	22.0	1.8
Rheumatology and rehabilitation	205	1.5	53	25.9			4	1.9	15	7.3	34	16.6	1.1
Thoracic surgery	114	0.8	82	71.9	3	2.6	15	13.2	27	23.7	37	32.5	1.7
Venereology	101	0.7	30	29.7			1	1.0	9	8.9	20	19.8	0.6

General notes:

The effect of the Government's pay policy on salaries over £13 000 pa reduces the current values of awards at the B level and above as follows: A+ award £10 689 to £7 447; A £8 109-£5 700; B £4 761-£3 537.

*Honorary consultants are included.

Some consultants practise in more than one specialty and are included in each. There are 256 such consultants of which 157 held awards (3 A+, 17 A, 36 B, and 101 C).

TABLE II—Scotland: distribution of awards by specialty at 31 December 1978

Specialty	Number of consultants and community medicine specialists	Number of consultants and community medicine specialists holding awards (percentage of consultants and community medicine specialists holding awards of those eligible)					Number of consultants and community medicine specialists holding awards expressed as a percentage of consultants and community medicine specialists in all specialties holding awards
		A+	A	B	C	Total	
		%	%	%	%	%	
Anaesthetics	215		3 (1.4)	9 (4.2)	40 (18.6)	52 (24.2)	7.1
Clinical chemistry	30		2 (6.7)	4 (13.3)	9 (30.0)	15 (50.0)	2.0
Haematology	35		1 (2.9)	4 (11.4)	8 (22.9)	13 (37.1)	1.8
Blood transfusion service	10			2 (20.0)	3 (30.0)	5 (50.0)	0.7
Microbiology	57	1 (1.8)	2 (3.5)	7 (12.3)	17 (29.8)	27 (47.4)	3.7
Pathology	106	2 (1.9)	4 (3.8)	15 (14.2)	28 (26.4)	49 (46.2)	6.6
Human genetics	3			1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)	2 (66.7)	0.3
General medicine	231	5 (2.2)	20 (8.7)	41 (17.7)	57 (24.7)	123 (53.2)	16.7
Dermatology	27		2 (7.4)	3 (11.1)	7 (25.9)	12 (44.4)	1.6
Geriatric medicine	63	1 (1.6)	2 (3.2)	2 (3.2)	12 (19.0)	17 (27.0)	2.3
Rehabilitation medicine	6				1 (16.7)	1 (16.7)	0.1
Infectious diseases	16	1 (6.3)	1 (6.3)		7 (43.8)	9 (56.3)	1.2
Neurology	20		1 (5.0)	2 (10.0)	5 (25.0)	8 (40.0)	1.1
Paediatric medicine	64	1 (1.6)	5 (7.8)	6 (9.4)	18 (28.1)	30 (46.9)	4.1
Respiratory diseases	32		2 (6.3)	1 (3.1)	8 (25.0)	11 (34.4)	1.5
Venereal diseases	11				3 (27.3)	3 (27.3)	0.4
Obstetrics and gynaecology	113	1 (0.9)	3 (2.7)	8 (7.1)	29 (25.7)	41 (36.3)	5.6
Psychiatry	239	1 (0.4)	4 (1.7)	15 (6.3)	34 (14.2)	54 (22.6)	7.3
Radiodiagnosis	111		1 (0.9)	10 (9.0)	23 (20.7)	34 (30.6)	4.6
Radiotherapy	27			3 (11.1)	5 (18.5)	8 (29.6)	1.1
General surgery	162	3 (1.9)	7 (4.3)	29 (17.9)	39 (24.1)	78 (48.1)	10.6
ENT surgery	53			3 (5.7)	11 (20.8)	14 (26.4)	1.9
Ophthalmology	58		1 (1.7)	1 (1.7)	11 (19.0)	13 (22.4)	1.8
Orthopaedic surgery	100	1 (1.0)	1 (1.0)	9 (9.0)	19 (19.0)	30 (30.0)	4.1
Accident and emergency	5						
Paediatric surgery	11			2 (18.2)	5 (45.5)	7 (63.6)	0.9
Plastic surgery	13	1 (7.7)	1 (7.7)	1 (7.7)	5 (38.5)	8 (61.5)	1.1
Surgical neurology	13	1 (7.7)	2 (15.4)	2 (15.4)	4 (30.8)	9 (69.2)	1.2
Thoracic surgery	11			3 (27.3)	3 (27.3)	6 (54.5)	0.8
Urological surgery	27		1 (3.7)	1 (3.7)	9 (33.3)	11 (40.7)	1.5
Dentistry	72		2 (2.8)	6 (8.3)	14 (19.4)	22 (30.6)	3.0
Community medicine	163		1 (0.6)	7 (4.3)	17 (10.4)	25 (15.3)	3.4
Miscellaneous	5			1 (20.0)	2 (40.0)	3 (60.0)	0.4
Totals	2109	19 (0.9)	69 (3.3)	197 (9.3)	452 (21.4)	737 (34.9)	100.0