



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number: 29/2020**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Request:**

I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request as follows:

1. Please supply full qualifications of all Selected Medical Practitioners, I.e. Dr Hamilton, Dr Humphries, Dr Adejoro
2. The qualifications of an SMP were defined in HO Circular 21/2003. It states, "Before appointment as SMP the police authority MUST provide, the medical practitioner concerned with an induction programme and other training so that he or she has an understanding of what police service entails" Please give dates of initial training for each SMP.
3. Please give duration of such training for each SMP.
4. Who carried out the training for each SMP?
5. What ongoing training has been given to each SMP?
6. And by whom?

**Answer:**

1. The information referred to within this response, specifically information about each of the Selected Medical Practitioners (**SMPs**) appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board (the **Board**) and their qualifications may be found on the Board's website at the following link <https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/smp-arrangements-1st-october-2016>

As such the exemption under section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to this information. As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

2. The Home Office Circular 21/2003 is not currently (nor was it ever) applicable in Northern Ireland.
3. We refer to the answer provided to Q2.
4. We refer to the answer provided to Q2
5. We refer to the answer provided to Q2
6. We refer to the answer provided to Q2

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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