



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 18/2022

Date: 24 May 2022

Request:

I seek the following information in accordance with current NIPB FOI POLICY and PROCEDURE

- 1 Whistle Blowing policy procedure operating within NIPB
- 2 Whistle Blowing policy procedure available to general public relating to NIPB
- 3, In respect of 1 and 2 above confirm number of such incidents reported by year over the past 4 years.

Answer

In respect of questions 1 and 2 above I can confirm that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) holds the information you requested. However we are withholding that information since we consider that the exemption under section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to it. As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

A copy of the NIPB Whistleblowing Policy has been published on the Board's website which can be accessed via the following link -

<https://www.nipoliceboard.org.uk/publication/whistleblowing-policy-nipb>

This document includes guidance for both staff and non staff members.

In relation to question 3 I can confirm that there have been no incidents reported in respect of either category over the past 4 years.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.